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## CHINESE MASSED TO REPEL HEAVY ATTACK IN MANCHURIA

### NATIONS ASKED TO AID CHINA TO STABILITY

No Verdict Yet  
Against Japan.

#### HOUSE OF LORDS VIEWS

London, To-day.  
Proposing that the Great Powers should step in and assist China in reorganisation of her Government, Lord Lothian spoke yesterday in the House of Lords, when the discussion of the Far East, armament and war debt was proceeding.  
The "Daily Telegraph," commenting on yesterday's Manchurian debate in the House of Lords, emphasises that Lord Hailsham and no other member of the Government, had given the slightest encouragement to the view that a verdict had been found against Japan by the Lytton Report. All that can be said at present is that the British collaboration with other powers is being steadily and loyally maintained, and above all "in good faith and friendship with the United States."



Lord Cecil.

Lord Ponsonby, during the debate, expressed himself as satisfied that the Government must be silent as to its Far Eastern policy at the moment, and Lord Hailsham, speaking for the Government, recalled that Great Britain's best efforts were being expended to bring about a settlement of the Orient affairs. The Government, he said, was very vitally interested in the peaceful and satisfactory conclusion of the Sino-Japanese dispute.

Questions of disarmament and the Sino-Japanese dispute were raised in the House of Lords when Lord Cecil asked the Government for a statement on the matters. He quoted approvingly the Japanese Government's declaration in support of the League of Nations and said that if Japan intended to support the League, it would make a great difference to the seriousness of the present crisis. The question before the disputing parties was whether to accept the proposals contained in the Lytton Report as a basis of settlement. He recalled that Japan had acquiesced to the appointment of terms of reference to the Lytton Commission and urged the British Government's utmost support for the Commission.

**Hopeful Position.**  
Lord Cecil described the disarmament position as more hopeful than for some time past. He approved the principles whereon the proposals of the British Government were based and declared that any policy of territorial arrangement or revision of the Treaty of Versailles, as suggested by Mr. Winston Churchill, would be disastrous. He criticised, too, the procedure at Geneva and urged reverting to open discussion.  
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### BRITAIN PREPARES TO PAY AMERICA

### HUGE GOLD SHIPMENT ALREADY MADE

#### A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ALTHOUGH THE CABINET SAT FOR TWO AND A QUARTER HOURS LAST NIGHT, IT HAD NOT COMPLETED ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT OF THE WAR DEBT REPLY TO THE UNITED STATES.

THE "DAILY MAIL" UNDERSTANDS FULL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO PAY IN GOLD, IF THE UNITED STATES INSISTS ON PAYMENT.

THE "DAILY HERALD" DECLARES THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO SHIP \$30,000,000 WORTH OF BAR GOLD TO THE UNITED STATES AS A FIRST INSTALLMENT, AND THAT IT IS LEAVING TO-DAY. INSURERS WERE INFORMED THE SUM MUST BE COVERED IN WHOLE FOR THE NEXT THREE WEEKS.

The paper adds that the shipment of gold from the Bank of England will not affect the note circulation, but is probably a precautionary measure.

Legislation will be passed increasing the fiduciary issue by another £15,000,000, it is reported.

British financial experts are commenting that the American economic policy is having the effect of "killing the hen that lays the golden egg."

Sir Walter Layton's comment, in the London "News Chronicle," is the one most generally accepted. He points out that no nation can go on collecting debts when she has closed her doors to the trade and services of her creditors.

Other British comment abroad, voiced while the Cabinet is hurrying to complete its reply to Washington in the matter of the war debt crisis, points out that Great Britain's debts to America are actually below those which are owed to Britain by other nations. Already Britain has paid America \$200,000,000 more than she has received from her own creditors.

Ministers in Session.  
Premier Ramsay MacDonald and his principal Ministers were in close contact most of yesterday and last night practically all the members of the Cabinet met for further consideration of the war debt question.

It is not yet possible to state when the new note to Washington will be despatched, although final examination of the draft is expected to be completed within the next day or two.

### Britain Roused By Persia

#### May Take Action If Oil Rights Lost.

LONDON, TO-DAY.

It is understood that if the Persia Government persists in the one-sided denunciation of the Anglo-Persian Oil Concession, the British Government will give serious consideration to the matter. The cancellation is considered ultra vires.

It is hoped, however, that discussions with the company will end amicably and that Persia will desist from its high-handed policy. — *Reuter.*

It was announced to-day that Mr. Joseph Albert Cotton, engineer, No. 1, Carrarone Avenue, Kowloon, and Miss Marie Emilia Des Remedios, No. 6, Humphrey Avenue, Kowloon, would wed shortly.

### DISPUTE DENIED BETWEEN JAPAN AND BRITISH

But Japanese Insist On  
Voice In Road Control.

#### SHAI CROWDS HOSTILE

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, To-day.

Chinese newspaper reports of the Anglo-Japanese dispute regarding the appointment of an advisory officer, contingent to the settlement of the outside roads question along the lines of the modus vivendi tentatively drafted by representatives of the Shanghai Municipal Council and Chinese Municipality, are emphatically denied, inasmuch as discussions have not been confined solely to the British and Japanese authorities, but the wishes of other Consular officials also were consulted.

The Japanese frankly admit, however, their insistence upon an additional Japanese deputy officer, in view of the preponderance of Japanese interests on the outside roads.

The Japanese Consul called on the French Consul-General yesterday and requested prompt steps to curb the terroristic activities of the Anti-Japanese organisations which are showing signs of a revival.

A prominent Japanese chiropractor, while driving his automobile with his children was recently seized by a crowd, which assumed a menacing attitude until police of the French concession intervened.

Where the Japanese are content to leave control in other hands, as in the Foreign Settlement and French Concession of Shanghai, the police administration is of the best. But on the outside roads, the Japanese place no faith in the efficient protection of their nationals by Chinese authorities only.

### HEAVY DROP IN LOCAL DOLLAR.

#### Silver Rises As Pound Slump Continues.

The value of the Hong Kong dollar declined 1/4 yesterday, being quoted at 1/4 this morning.

Silver showed an upward trend, both spot and forward prices rising 1/16. Spot silver was quoted at 17 1/2 this morning and forward silver at 17-15/16.

The pound slumped further yesterday, the London on New York cross rate being quoted at \$-G38.14 1/2 this morning as against \$-G43.18 1/2 yesterday, and the New York on London rate at \$-G33.15 1/2 to-day, as compared with \$-G33.19 yesterday and \$-G32.21 1/2 on Monday.

#### PREMIER AT THE PALACE

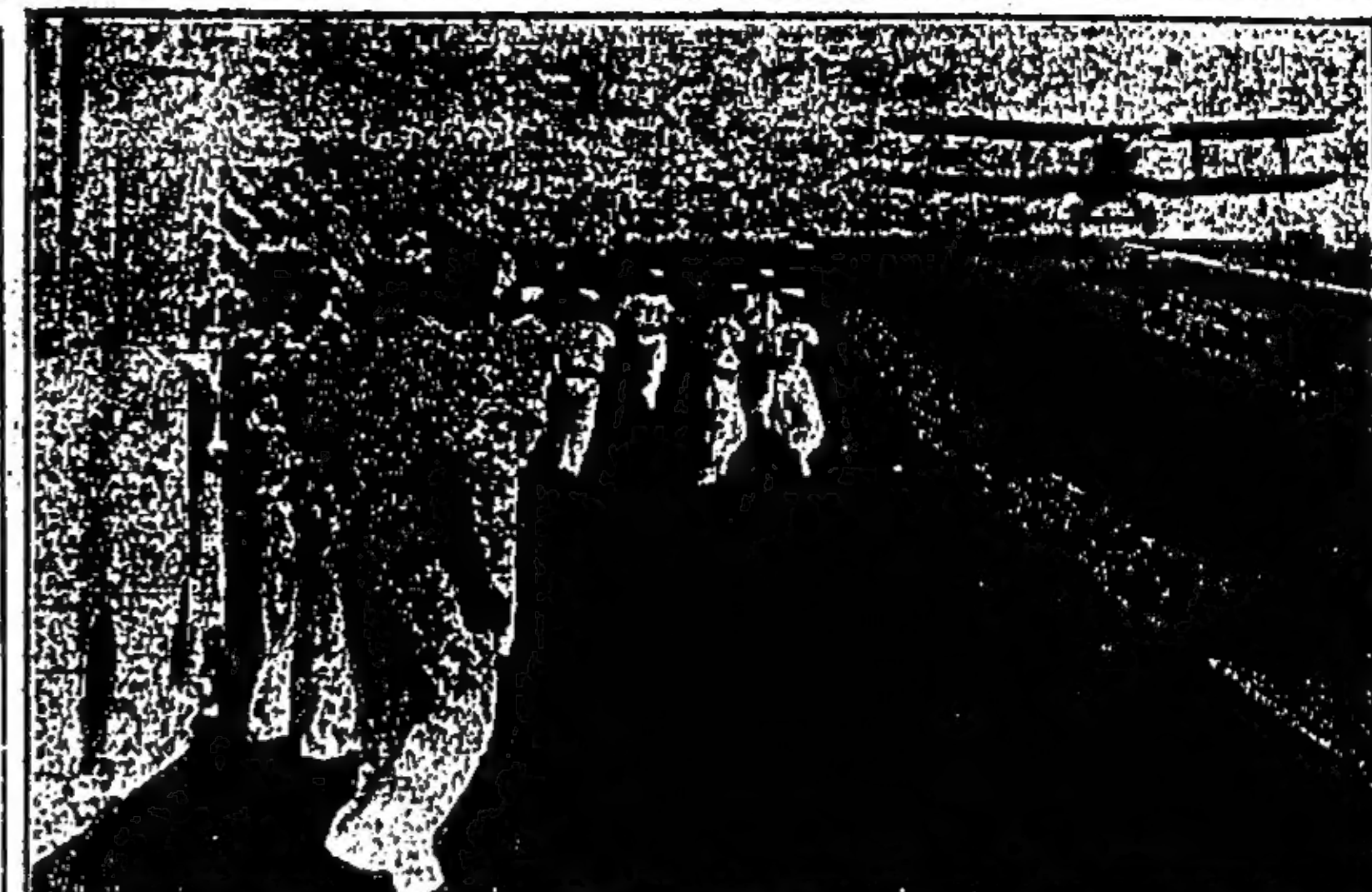
London, To-day.

The Prime Minister was received in audience by H.M. the King at Buckingham Palace last evening. — *British Wireless Service.*

### London Traffic Co-Ordinated Into Centralised Control

When the House of Commons went into committee on the London Passenger Transport Bill last night, the Transport Minister, Mr. Fyfe, said that the measure was designed to co-ordinate under unified control and ownership, the passenger traffic of the greatest urban population of the world.

The Bill, he said, provided firstly for the establishment of a public board charged to provide adequate travelling facilities throughout the London traffic area; secondly, the



One of a flight of 36 aeroplanes landing on the deck of the aircraft carrier, *Glorious*. The Prince of Wales and Prince George flew in these machines during their recent visit to the Mediterranean Fleet.

### FRENCH JUNK FOUNDERS OFF FORMOSA COAST

#### Five Europeans Saved By Japanese Ship.

#### HAD PLANNED WORLD TOUR

Shanghai, To-day.

A wireless message has been received here stating that the French junk "Fou Po," owned and skippered by Captain Eric de Bisschop, has been sunk off the coast of Formosa.

The "Fou Po," a gaily-painted junk of about 50 tons, left Wusung on Monday, November 21, on a world tour, the main object of which was to have been the charting of several islands in the South Seas. Captain de Bisschop, who had planned to make Manila his first port of call, had on board enough water for five months and provisions for two months. Additional supplies were to have been taken on at Manila, as the trip was expected to last 18 months.

The junk was a masterpiece of nautical compactness, being fitted with everything in the way of instruments and equipment, ranging from a radio set to an auxiliary engine. Captain de Bisschop had with him four companions, one French and three Russian, all of whom were picked up by a Japanese steamer. Beyond the fact that all of the hardy adventurers on board are safe, no further details are available at present. — *Reuter.*

### BRITAIN'S TEXTILE TRADE EXPANDS

#### Increase In Exports Of £132,228 In 10 Months.

London, To-day.

British exports of cotton, artificial silk and mixed piece goods continue to expand.

For the first ten months of this year they totalled 88,284,178 square yards and were valued at \$1,653,762, an increase of 6,720,216 square yards valued at \$132,228, over the corresponding period of last year.

— *British Wireless Service.*

### Franco-Soviet Peace Pact

#### Non-Aggression Treaty Signed In Paris.

Paris, To-day.

A Franco-Russian Pact of non-aggression was signed at the Quai d'Orsay by Premier Herriot and Mr. Dovgalevsky, Soviet Ambassador.

Premier Herriot, after signing, said he saluted the peoples of Soviet Russia with whom France desired increasingly confident relations.

The treaty completed a system of non-aggression pacts which ought to contribute to the consolidation of peace, he added.

Mr. Dovgalevsky replied that the Soviet attached great political and moral value to the pact, which confirmed the Franco-Russian pacific aspirations. — *Reuter.*

### U.S. EXPORTS SUFFER

#### Prices Rise in Relation To Sterling.

#### "TIMES" FORECAST

London, To-day.

The case of American wheat, yesterday priced at 28/9d. per quarter, is cited by the *Times* as an indication of the effect on United States produce of the exchange movements, making the dollar dear in relation to sterling.

Argentine 24/-, Australian 25/6, and Canadian 25/- wheat, were all considerably cheaper than United States wheat, despite the fact that the United States is only 3,000 miles distant as compared with Argentina, 6,000 miles and Australia 11,000 miles.

The *Times* points out that the influence of exchange must also be shown in the prices of all other commodities in which the United States competes with the various producing countries. — *British Wireless Service.*

### ST. ANDREW'S DAY COMMEMORATED

To commemorate St. Andrew's Day, Mr. K. E. Greig, the chieftain of the Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society, to-day laid a wreath on behalf of the members on the Cenotaph.

The following were also in attendance: Messrs. J. W. L. Bonnar, T. H. R. Shaw (Past Presidents), Messrs. S. E. Ross, W. Kay, K. S. Morrison, H. K. Forsyth and A. S. Mackenzie (General Committee), and Mr. D. S. Robb (Joint Hon. Secretary).

### JAPANESE VANGUARD IN ACTION

#### Volunteers In Hill Entrenchments.

#### CAVALRY ON BOTH FLANKS

Harbin, To-day.

The vanguard of a powerful Japanese army are skirmishing with the outposts of the Chinese volunteer units to the west of Fullard.

A big battle is possibly already in progress. At least it is very imminent.

The Japanese objective is stated to be Chalanum, while the Volunteers are reported to be holding particularly strong positions in the path of the advance.

Volunteers have placed thousands of riflemen in deep trenches in the foothills and fortified their positions with forward gun-pits. On both flanks of the main position are strong bodies of cavalry and against these forces, out of the valley lands, the Japanese must climb to the attack. — *Reuter.*

#### Difficult Country

The Japanese must push through the most difficult country in order to make contact with the main body of the Volunteers. Advancing from Fullard, a tiny village in the foothill country, they will be open to heavy fire from the hills. Chalanum, their objective, is about 100 miles northwest as the crow flies, from Tsitsihar on the Heilong River. Chalanum itself is on the River Yai.

The fighting in the Tsitsihar area has been extremely severe in the past and there have been heavy casualties on both sides. The present operation, it appears, will be even greater in dimensions than the last Japanese "push" into the interior.

**Large Forces Involved.**  
It was recently reported that some 60,000 Volunteers stood in the way of the Japanese advance into the northwest.

The Japanese army is believed to be about 20,000 strong, but, with the advantage of a strong flying force for preliminary work and with an excellent commissary.

The Japanese forces use a light calibre mountain gun, packed on rugged ponies, for their work in the foothill country, for the most part.

### HUGE STEEL OPERATIONS IN ENGLAND

#### \$3,250,000 Loan For Mining Company.

#### TO HOLD HOME MARKET

London, To-day.

A new life is opening for the British steel industry. An announcement has been made stating that the Bankers' Industrial Development Company is ready to finance the ironmasters, Messrs. Stewarts and Lloyds up to \$3,250,000 to mine the iron ore deposits in Northamptonshire, which it is estimated will yield 500,000,000 tons.

The scheme may cut out foreign material entirely, as Messrs. Stewarts believe that even Bessemer steel, which is mostly imported, can be produced from Northamptonshire. — *Reuter.*

Few possessing 65 tons of non-Government opium, a Chinese woman was this morning fined \$2,000 of the default six months' hard labour before Mr. Schonefeld at the Central Police Magistracy.





# The Woman's Page



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## WOMAN'S AMAZING EXPERIENCES.

**Sentenced To Death As Enemy Spy.**  
**WON THE IRON CROSS.**

Mr. Winston Churchill has written an appreciative foreword to a book published under the title "I Was a Spy." The author is Marthe McKenna, and Mr. Churchill describes her book as thrilling. That it most certainly is. Miss Marthe McKenna, now happily married to an Englishman, was a young Belgian girl at the beginning of the Great War. Her story opens with one of two terrible pictures of the German invasion of her country, Escaping the worst brutalities of the invaders, she remained, for several years in occupied territory. She had had some medical training and found herself of use, both to her own countrymen and to the enemy, as a hospital nurse.

It was while she was thus employed that the chance was given her to serve her country as a spy. From her position in the Roulers Hospital, and with the special privileges a nurse is bound to have, she became a Secret Service agent of the utmost alia. She was in peril, of course, in both her capacities. As a nurse, she was exposed to normal risks—on one occasion she was in an advanced dressing station at a most critical moment. As a spy, her perils were twofold. She was always liable to be suspected; she was infrequently running the risks that must be run by any woman who, in search of information, is prepared to offer men anything.

**Aided Prisoners.**  
The story of her work is as varied as it is exciting. There was, of course, the routine work of collecting and sending on information of troop movements, but she was also engaged in helping prisoners to escape. On various occasions she also occupied herself with inflicting damage and loss behind the lines. It was she and another for example, who blew up the great Roulers dump. The story of their tunneling operations is astounding. It is not the excitement of the book, however, which sets it apart from other spy stories of the war. It is the psychology. It is evident on every page that Miss McKenna took both sides of her life with equal seriousness. As a woman and a nurse, she was ready and eager to



## Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

**TIFFIN.**  
Dry Hash  
Venison Cutlets  
Mashed Chestnuts  
Plum Duff, Pudding  
**DINNER.**  
Lentil Puree  
Brain Fritters  
Caper Mayonnaise  
Creamed Chicken and Oyster A La Farinmont  
Orange Marmalade with Rich Cream  
When purchasing brains, calf's brains are the most desirable, lamb's are sometimes used for food. Brains are very delicate but have never attained great popularity. To prepare brains soak them in cold water for an hour, after removing membranes and arteries. Then simmer for 15 to 20 minutes in slightly acidulated water, plunge into cold water and drain.  
**Creamed Chicken and Oysters a la Farinmont.**  
Melt 1/4 cup butter in saucepan, and 1/4 cup flour mixed with 1/2 teaspoon each salt and celery salt, and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Pour on slowly 1 1/2 cup hot milk, and 2 cups cold boiled fowl, cut in 1/2 inch cubes and 2 cups oysters cleaned, drained and heated in their own liquor until they are plump and gills curled. Heat through and serve in puff paste patty shell sprinkled with finely chopped parsley.



## Women Learn Dress Sense

It is always interesting to watch a dowdy woman turn gradually into a well-dressed one—and many are realizing now that success can be theirs only if their appearance is smart and elegant.

The only way a woman can learn to understand good dressing is to keep her eye on the best designers, and to study other well-turned-out women in society and on the stage. If it is discovered that these women are dressed by a certain designer, the would-be elegant one must look for copies of models from this gradually 1/4 cup sugar and 1 egg designer. Hats can be bought on beaten until thick and light, sift the same principle, too. Better together 1/2 cup flour, 1 teaspoon still is it to watch the best fashion baking powder, 1/4 teaspoon salt, notes for designs, and get a milliner Add to first mixture alternately to make the hats, adapting the new-est lines to suit the individual face. Women are definitely divided into two types. Some are tall and thin, and some are petite, and they must guard against anything fussy. Then there are full-figured women who must pay special attention to corsets and brassieres, for nothing looks worse than a figure which is obviously too tightly "controlled." I cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of being fitted for foundation garments, since it is no longer a matter of boning, but one of cutting, which gives the correct line. Many beautifully fitted corsets have no bones at all.

## PREPAREDNESS IN DRESS.

By A Contributor.

We used to have time to plan ahead and get ready for certain events where clothes were the important feature of the occasion but nowadays the smart woman has to be ready all the time and her wardrobe has to be so adaptable that there is no festivity to which it cannot lend a charm that seems natural and not just "hatched up for the moment."

Paris couturiers were among the first to catch onto this realization so that there is no sharp cut-off time to sit back and planning line between bodice and skirt, a dozen dresses for a dozen occasions had suddenly become a uniform in for black out of doors, and known quantity which straightaway there are many black outfits with made them thrown their wits into tune frocks or elaborate dresses, high gear and begin designing one usually black and white, whether of frock that would meet a dozen needs velvet or broadcloth or woollen, and still fool the general public by Afternoon sleeves are elaborated making it believe that one plus no thing makes twelve.

## BLACK OUTFITS.

Some undercoat afternoon gowns are in two colours and of two materials, which are linked by a merging of the bodice and the skirt as the one material is brought up to the ankles, and the other, brought quickest to catch onto this realization so that there is no sharp cut-off time to sit back and planning line between bodice and skirt, a dozen dresses for a dozen occasions had suddenly become a uniform in for black out of doors, and known quantity which straightaway there are many black outfits with made them thrown their wits into tune frocks or elaborate dresses, high gear and begin designing one usually black and white, whether of frock that would meet a dozen needs velvet or broadcloth or woollen, and still fool the general public by Afternoon sleeves are elaborated making it believe that one plus no thing makes twelve.

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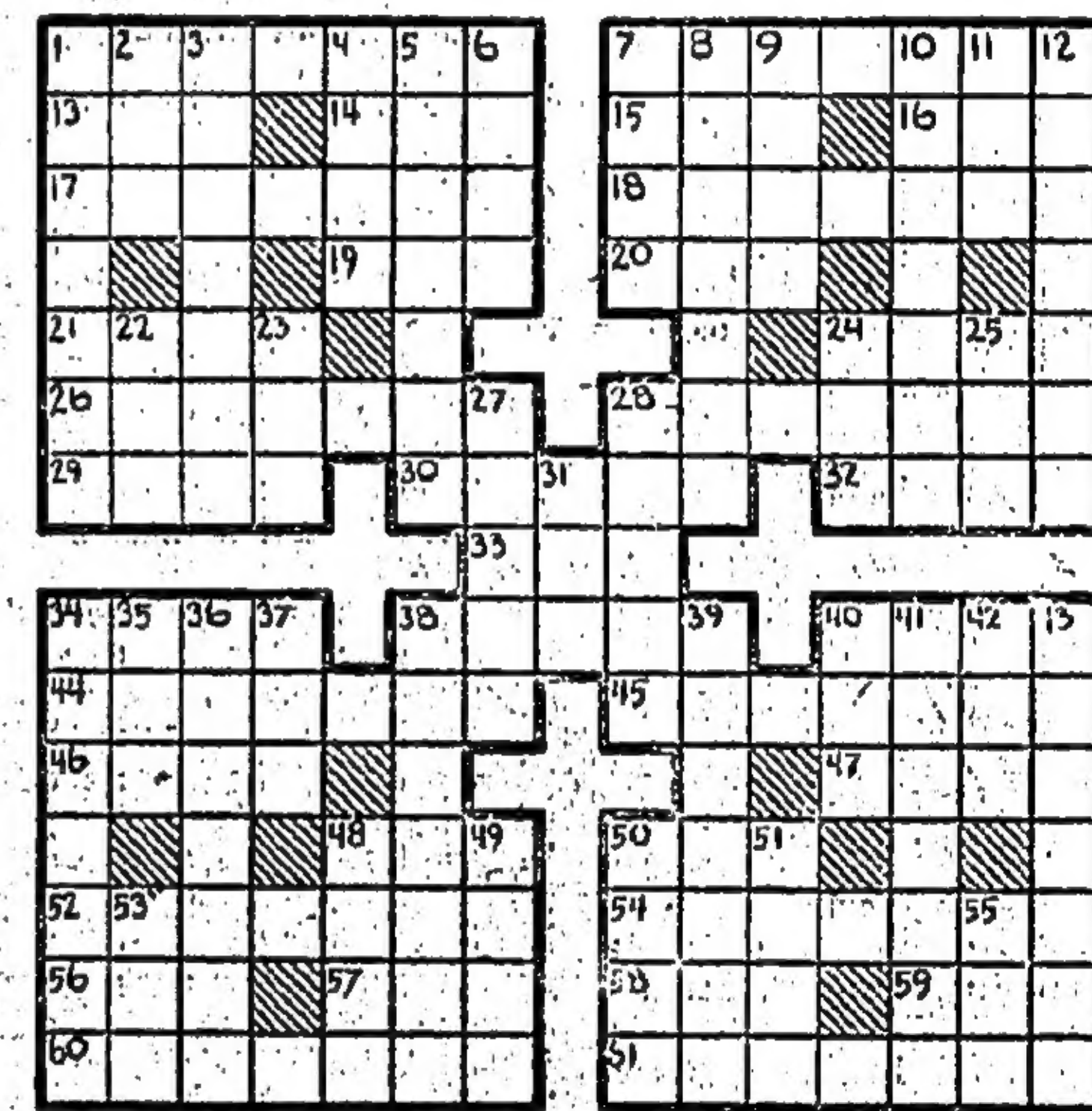
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plover, and altho.)

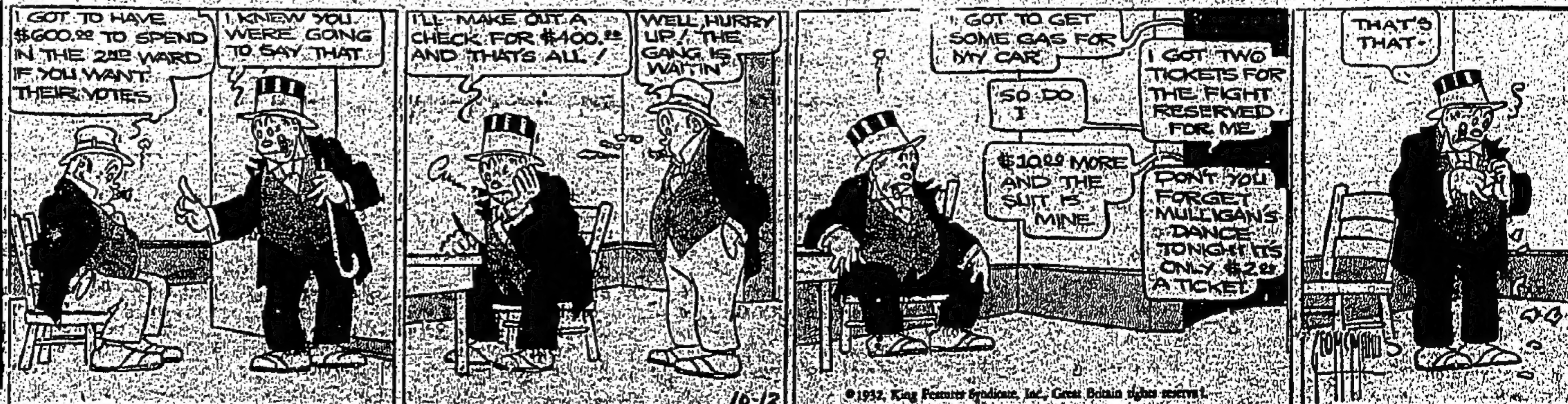


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| <b>HORIZONTAL</b>                | <b>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</b> | <b>VERTICAL (Cont.)</b>     |
| 1-Tangled                        | 48-A member of a          | 12-To reduce in rank        |
| 7-Clothed                        | 60-Hongkong tribe         | 22-Unit                     |
| 15-End                           | 66-Creek letter           | 23-Sister (short)           |
| 14-Suffix used to denote quality | 52-Reclines               | 24-602 (Roman)              |
| 15-Crimson                       | 61-Fiction                | 25-Flating (abbr.)          |
| 16-Metric land measure           | 56-Japanese coin          | 27-Seasons                  |
| 17-Depress                       | 57-To grow old            | 28-Mountains in S. America  |
| 18-Crevices                      | 58-Boys name (short)      | 31-Roe (Scott)              |
| 19-Dakota (abbr.)                | 60-One who insures        | 34-Opposed                  |
| 20-Pan (Dial. Eng.)              | 61-Places in the middle   | 35-South river              |
| 21-Electrified atoms             |                           | 36-Appointing               |
| 24-Girl's name                   |                           | 37-Steep, as fax            |
| 25-An herb (pl.)                 |                           | 38-Odd                      |
| 26-Clothed                       |                           | 39-Repair                   |
| 28-Season (abbr.)                |                           | 40-Ocean                    |
| 29-Mends                         |                           | 41-Innate to anger          |
| 32-Island (Poet.)                |                           | 42-Balate (abbr.)           |
| 33-Youth                         |                           | 43-Method                   |
| 34-Hebrew month                  |                           | 46-One who tells falsehoods |
| 38-Guide                         |                           | 49-River in Bohemia         |
| 40-To hiss                       |                           | 50-Spanishman               |
| 44-Forklike                      |                           | 51-Bo to                    |
| 45-A number                      |                           | 52-Even (Poet.)             |
| 46-Part of a suit                |                           | 53-A vehicle                |
| 47-High playing card (pl.)       |                           |                             |
|                                  | <b>VERTICAL</b>           |                             |
|                                  | 1-Tails                   |                             |
|                                  | 2-Pinch                   |                             |
|                                  | 3-Add                     |                             |
|                                  | 4-Told a falsehood        |                             |
|                                  | 5-Endavour                |                             |
|                                  | 6-Place for writing       |                             |
|                                  | 7-Let fall                |                             |
|                                  | 8-Record                  |                             |
|                                  | 9-Paradise                |                             |
|                                  | 10-Mariners               |                             |
|                                  | 11-Eagle                  |                             |

(The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle, will appear in to-morrow's issue.)

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### A LASTING POPULARITY

London. George Bernard Shaw, despite his seventy-six years, has lost none of his popularity and his plays are still as vital as his earlier efforts as is evinced by the startling number of Shaw productions that are being produced here this season.

Incidentally, Canada is to see a large number of Shaw plays this year. One English company already has completed arrangements for its Canadian tour, featuring Shaw's plays, while others are to follow. Up to now the Dominion has steered clear of "Shaw's heavy satire," as one critic has it.

It is interesting to watch the ever-growing popularity of the playwright, who for nearly half a century made little headway with his plays. Some of them lay unacted, except for a few times, for a quarter of a century.

Now, still keen of mind (keener than most persons at their prime), George Bernard Shaw is the wealthiest playwright in the world. More, he is the most popular philosopher of the age. His latest plays may be termed bad, his views that Russia is a Garden of Eden may be pooh-poohed, his polemics against parents taking themselves too seriously may seem mere repetitions, still the audience remains.

#### Can Critics Be Right?

Critics speak of Shaw as being in his "second childhood." Yet persons who have heard him over the radio recently remark upon the

strength and vibrant quality of his voice and the brilliant flow of lively thoughts.

And even though his two latest plays have bored critics, there seems to one who attended, them more truth in them than in all the other plays he has seen these past several seasons.

Plays and treatises on social problems age as new problems arise to vanquish their predecessors. In such plays, treatises and private correspondence, Shaw, however, wrote such universal thoughts that they remain alive, sparkling and bristling.

Was it twenty-five years ago that he wrote this? "No fascinating woman ever wants to emancipate her sex. Her object is to gather power into the hands of man, because she knows she can govern him. She is no more jealous of his nominal supremacy than he himself is jealous of the speed of his motor car."

It doesn't sound a bit outmoded. Successful Paradox.

Nor could anything be more interpretive of Shaw's personal philosophy than this except? "I shall not be reasonable. The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man."

Shaw has tried to make himself a paradox. He has endeavored to make it appear that he battles morality, whereas he has been one of the greatest generals in the battle for morality that modern times have seen. He is no unbeliever. He merely has stripped the false front the soul.

Professional morality has been to him the worst of immoralities.

Ask your friends if Shaw is married. He is, but how few know it.

## ENGLISH DANCERS GO TO DENMARK.

British Ballet On  
The Continent.

### MAKING HISTORY.

London.—A company of English dancers sailed for Copenhagen recently and the event is interesting for at least two reasons. It was the first time that an organized representative British ballet has been seen on the Continent, and never before, I believe, says G. W. Bishop in the "Sunday Times," has a foreign company taken possession of the Royal Theatre stage.

There have often been guest performers, but they have always appeared with the Danish players. The visit is due almost entirely to Adeline Genee, who has devoted most of her time during the last few years to the development of operatic dancing in this country. The other day Mme. Genee told me that she had been hoping for a long time to take a company to Copenhagen, which for over a hundred years has been one of the great European centres of ballet. At last the appropriate moment has arrived, and on a Saturday night the dancers made their first appearance. The Prince of Wales was present. On Monday they appeared with the Danish Ballet, and on Sunday and Wednesday the entire programmes at the Royal Theatre were given by the English company.

Phyllis Bedells and Ninette de Valois are among the principal dancers, and when we met I was able to assure them that they were going to one of the pleasantest and most hospitable cities in Europe. Other members of the company, include Alicia Markova, Ruth French, Harold Turner, and Anton Dolin. The corps de ballet is taken chiefly from the Old Vic, and Mme. Genee is so grateful to Miss Baylis for her help that she is thinking of giving a big gala performance in London in aid of the Old Vic-Sadler's Wells funds.

## Barrymore Trio Starred In Tale Of Rasputin

Hollywood.

Out of the land of make-believe is coming a drama of the Russian court before the days of Communism. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer is filming "Rasputin," starring for the first time the three Barrymores together. Apparently the appearance of the Barrymore brothers in the same film has led directors to add the third member of the family to the cast of this latest M-G-M production.

It is a departure from the general trend of pictures that have been produced here during the past year. Extravagant scenes are coming back.

Scenes rich in costume details and revealing the Russian court in all its czaristic grandeur with hundreds of extras attired in gorgeous court dress provide the setting for "Rasputin," which gives promise of being one of the year's "four star" pictures.

So beautiful are the scenes that the set is the gathering place for many notables of the film capital, who come to admire and go away impressed.

Recently when the royal procession commemorating the three-hundredth anniversary of the Romanoff dynasty was being filmed Marie Dressler came to visit her friend, Ethel Barrymore. Paul Bern, famous director himself, was there watching his friend, Charles Brabin, direct.

Scenes were laid in the Winter Palace with the royal family and the whole court diplomats and ambassadors from every country, moving from the huge reception hall to the private chapel of the palace to receive the blessing of the Metropolitan, chief priest of the Orthodox Church. A chorus of 150 voices sang the Russian church ritual.

Ethel Barrymore as the Czarina was superb in ivory velvet plentifully embroidered in silver with a diamond studded tiara on her head.

The Czar, played by Ralph Morgan, was also superb in his uniform, blue trousers striped in scarlet with fur-trimmed military cloak hanging from his shoulders. The four little princesses who in life met with such a sad fate were shown walking in their court dresses of pink and blue satin with ruffles of lace and with diadems and long veils. The Czarevich, played by nine-year-old Ted Alexander, was most engaging, taking part in the procession with a shy smile for everybody.

The title "Czar of All the Russias" becomes meaningful when one views the bewildering variety of "Russians," some looking almost Chinese with their Mongol features and Oriental costumes; others in severe black with knee-length trousers, scarlet faced cloaks of black cloth and astrakhan hats.

The first efforts of Ethel Barrymore before a camera are going very well. Make-up tests showed Ethel at her best with little but street make-up. Voice tests showed that a richness was needed to vary her tendency toward monotone, but she has worked hard and it is now recording gratifyingly.

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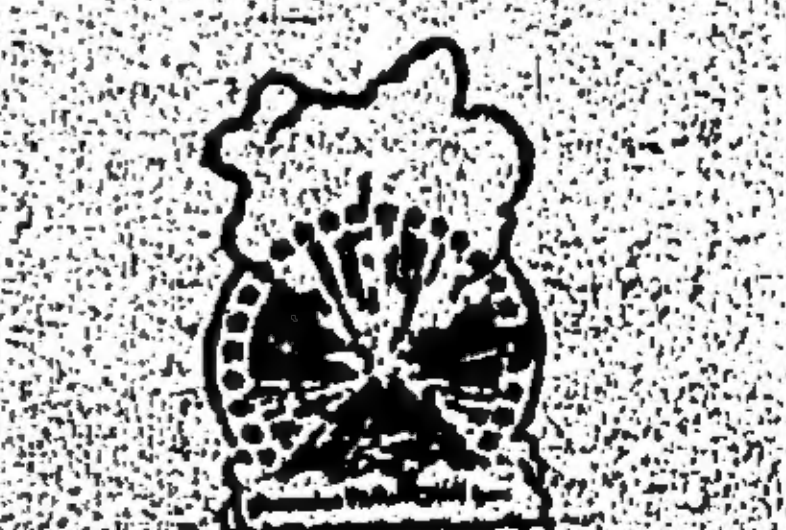


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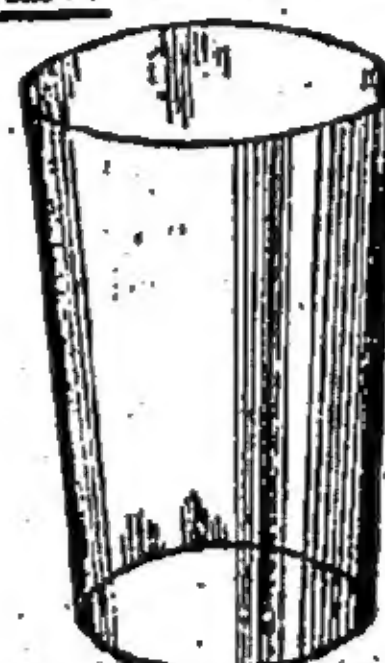
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### Sweetening Toil.

Most employers of labour are now aware that illness plays an important part in increasing their annual costs. A study of the Twelfth Annual Report of the Industrial Health Research Board, which has just been published, makes it clear that costs are also increased by lack of care and knowledge in arranging and governing the conditions of work, for faulty arrangement and indifferent leadership are quickly reflected in output, and find, often, an indirect expression in a swollen sick-list. The Report is thus a commentary upon waste in all its forms, waste of effort of material and of skill, waste of health, waste of temper. The difficulty is as old as human endeavour itself. Every soldier is aware that the most successful captains have been those who knew how to obtain, over a long time, the highest degree of efficiency of their troops, both physical and moral. The task of the leaders of industry is the same. That it is a difficult task, and a task requiring the highest qualities of courage, ability, resource, inventiveness, and instruction, must be apparent to all who give thought to the rapid evolution which is taking place at present in a large number of industrial processes. As the Report declares: "The modern conditions of industry with which the Board are concerned are mainly those brought about by the increasing use of machinery for carrying out functions previously performed by human labour." Mechanization, as it is called, has, of course, eased the burden of physical work. But it has brought with it new burdens of its own, some of which belong to the study of psychology rather than to the study of physiology. A great deal of attention, for example, is now being given to the effects of monotony and to the influence of noise. These researches, as might have been expected, are showing that different people react in different ways. (There are individuals who prefer monotonous tasks; there are other individuals who appear to enjoy bustle and noise). It seems reasonable, therefore, that a process of selection ought to be instituted and that, so far as possible, the man ought to be chosen in the light of the job he is going to perform. The Report states the claim for vocational selection in modest language, saying that experiments have shown that, on the whole, those who pass the tests now in use "tend to do better than those who fail to pass." That is a satisfactory beginning,

for it encourages the hope that, as time goes on, still better tests will be evolved. An industrial "misfit" is often a good workman in some other sphere, wasted; and in addition there is always waste of energy and of material. Another aspect of vocational selection which deserves and is receiving attention is the influence of working conditions on physical and mental strength. Some men, for example, are unfitted by their heredity or their health to engage in dusty occupations; others are similarly unfitted to engage in work attended by noise or vibration. Here again waste can be prevented by the use of knowledge and experience. This work, therefore, is true economy. It promises to sweeten toil and make it, at the same time, more effective.

### Egypt Exploration Society.

The Egypt Exploration Society was founded fifty years ago under the name of the Egypt Exploration Fund; and to celebrate the anniversary an exhibition was held in the British Museum, the greatest beneficiary, outside Egypt, of its work. The Society is the oldest of the private institutions working in the Nile Valley. Unassisted by public funds either from this country or from Egypt, it has added to the national collections of both countries gifts which for scope and scholarly value can scarcely be exceeded by those of any other voluntary body. Of the stone statues, columns, and reliefs which fill the Egyptian Gallery at Bloomsbury some severity were presented by the Egypt Exploration Society. Thousands of smaller precious objects—statuettes, amulets, glassware, and metal-work—cover a period reaching from remote pre-Dynastic times into the classical and Christian eras, widening indefinitely knowledge of the history and religion of Egypt under the dynasties, and filling in from such sites as Naukratis and ancient Oxyrhynchus the details of social life in the nine centuries which followed. Two thousand papyri have been given to the world through the Society; in these the economic and private life of the Egyptians of the classical period can be traced, and the reconstruction of their administrative system proceeds from the official documents. Literature of a more general character has also been brought to light; among the texts are considerable fragments of the so-called "Sayings of Jesus" and the lost gospels, portions of Greek history, and extensive sections of lost poems by Pindar, Sophocles, and Sappho. These texts are only a small part of the Society's publications; for, besides the ex-

### HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE.

Snakes, including venomous cobras, are eaten by Chinese as a medicinal cure for fever. The cobra's heart is said to be a very potent curative and of good taste. Snakes of this description are sold in shops in the vicinity of the Central Theatre. They are kept in wire netted cages. The snakes are caught by Chinese by the hand alone in the Kwangai district, brought down to Canton and then shipped to Hong Kong. The reptiles are fed on insects and water.

"Why don't you use some sense," was the rebuke of Mr. Wynne-Jones to a Shantung police constable in the Central Police Court on Tuesday. The P.C. charged a hawk for obstruction but admitted that at the time of arrest the man was making a sale. His Worship said it could hardly be expected that a hawk could make a sale without putting his load down!

### Your Daily Smile.

ONLY OPPORTUNITY ARTIST: You are the first of my models I ever kissed. MODEL: And how many have you had? ARTIST: Four. A pineapple, two bananas, and you!

### PREPAREDNESS

MISTRESS: What is in that huge bottle on the kitchen mantelpiece, Mary? MAID: Oh, just some stuff for mending china, madam.

### THE STARS WERE RIGHT.

FORTUNE TELLER: The stars tonight tell me you have had trouble with your mother-in-law. MR. MEEKHAM: The stars I saw last night told me the same thing.

### WELL SEASONED.

GEORGE: What does it mean in this book by "seasoned troops"? JIM: I expect they were mustered by the officers and peppered by the enemy.

### Facts You Did Not Know.

Artificial veneers are being made in Germany by processes that force chemicals and dyes into the surface of wood at various pressures.

An amateur naturalist has collected the songs of more than 40 wild birds native to New York state on 17,000 feet of sound picture film.

By extensive tests scientists have demonstrated that persons do light work best at temperature a little higher than those at which they are comfortable.

Economy of construction and operation are claimed by the German inventor of apparatus for driving piles by pounding them with a gasoline operated hammer.

cavations, the Society has devoted perhaps half of its labours to the recording and copying of paintings and inscriptions contained in the temples and tombs examined. Monuments, such as the great temple of Deir al-Bahari at Thebes, the "Osireion" at Abydos, and the Middle Kingdom tombs at Beni Hasan, have been cleared and restored and then handed back as national property to the Egyptian Government, and their features have been made known to the outside world through the Society's publications. Cities and cemeteries have been revealed first in the Delta and Lower Egypt, and then in Upper Egypt and the region of Sinai. The early work of Naville, Sir Flinders Petrie, and Professor Griffith was continued by such later excavators as the late Dr. Hall and Professor Peet. Since the War, Amarna has been revealed by Mr. Woolley, Mr. Pendlebury, and Dr. Frankfort; and investigation has been made of the production of the Society's work, while the Communists feel that nothing can be effected until a dictatorship of the Communist party is set up. We respect the devotion and zeal of many Communists; and we are in entire sympathy with the substantial economic achievements of the Russian revolution; but we believe that the Russian revolution is one of the events from which men will date a new epoch. Think of the economic

# TREND TO SOCIALISM

## MAN WHO CALLED FOR REVOLUTION

### CANDIDATE FOR HIGHEST AMERICAN OFFICE

Sitting in the studio of a broad-casting company, surrounded by every evidence of the machine age, Mr. Norman Thomas, posed for a drawing and stressed the failure of the present economic system to solve the problems which modern conditions have brought about. The artificially cooled room, its air fresh (though it had no windows), the microphones which would soon carry the voice of the first Socialist candidate for the Presidency of the United States, far over the ether, the maze of wires and other electrical contraptions were evidences of modern technical skill. Yet despite the advances brought about by new discoveries, he pointed out, man is economically no better off than when the power of his own hands, the muscles of a few animals, running water and blowing winds were the only forces he employed in his struggle for existence. "I believe," Mr. Thomas said, "that historical evolution and the development of a machine age have brought us to a place where our only escape from disaster lies in the social ownership and management for use, not for profit, of the things necessary for the common life."

The clustered chandelier on the ceiling threw gleaming high-lights on his prominent forehead, his narrow nose with its arched nostrils, and his heavy upper lip. His wavy hair is steely gray and now grows far back from the temples. This accentuates the dome-like shape of his head which is further emphasized by the low position of his small ears. He is essentially an intellectual type. There is nothing of either the fanatic or the demagogue about him. Nor, despite his sense of humour, might he be described in any way as a "happy warrior."

Feels World's Woes. The woes of the world rest heavily upon him. He is, above all else, intense and serious, and had not fate by a strange prank turned him to socialism he might have remained to the end of his days a minister in an established church. The one trait which prevented that is his hatred of orthodoxy of any kind.

To-day Norman Thomas sees in Socialism the only hope for the world in his disturbed state. "I believe this," he said, "because I believe in democracy, and because socialism alone of all political systems can so develop democracy as to prevent another such economic cataclysm as is overpowering us now. Moreover, I see an increasing danger of Fascism unless socialism is adopted to combat it. Even the Communists, with their proclamation of inevitable violence and their tactics within labour organisations, are unwittingly aiding Fascism."

"Here in America we must depend upon a genuine democracy of the workers with hand and brain, and not upon any dictatorship. But unless conditions are changed a strong man will arise and we shall see the same thing happen in this country that has happened in Italy and is beginning in Germany now. Classless Society.

"Democracy, providing the class struggle is ended by the establishment of a classless society, is better than any kind of dictatorship and will serve the interest of the great mass of people as against the interest of one group of them."

"Socialism differs from Communism," he answered, "in the vital matter of tactics and in the emphasis we place upon the value of freedom now, without waiting for an ultimately perfect socialistic society. I refer especially to those aspects of freedom that we class as civil and religious liberties. "Both Socialists and Communists are unalterably opposed to the capitalist system and both desire to found a new one in which production will be for use and not for profit. But we desire a peaceful revolution, while the Communists feel that nothing can be effected until a dictatorship of the Communist party is set up. We respect the devotion and zeal of many Communists; and we are in entire sympathy with the substantial economic achievements of the Russian revolution; but we believe that the Russian revolution is one of the events from which men will date a new epoch. Think of the economic

### UNREGISTERED MUI-TSAIS.

### Three Mistresses Fined \$130.

Fines totalling \$130 were imposed by Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning on three Chinese mistresses for keeping unregistered mui-tsais.

In a summons against Mok Foon, of 14 Stone Nullah Lane, Sub-Inspector H. W. Fraser, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, said that the case came to light through an anonymous letter. The girl had been presented by her natural mother to the defendant for \$110, and had been with her for four years. She did practically all the house work, and received little or no wages. The girl alleged that on November 8 she was struck with a pair of iron prongs for allowing some sawdust to burn in the kitchen. A medical report showed that the injuries were consistent with her complaint. Defendant was fined \$30.

Tsang So Lin, of 325 Hennessy Road, was fined \$50. The mui tsai was seen by a lady inspector of the S.C.A. The girl was sold to the defendant by another woman for whom she had worked at Shek Tui Village, for the sum of \$144. She did house work in addition to looking after three small children. She was well treated.

Wong Chan Shi, of 18 Caroline Hill, was also fined \$50. The girl, who addressed her as "Tai Tai", was sold to the defendant in Yunnan for \$125. She received \$2.50 per month as wages, and was well treated. Inspector Fraser added that by her actions the mui tsai appeared to be mentally unbalanced.

### ANTI-MUI-TSAI SOCIETY.

### Annual Election Of Officers Held.

The following officers were elected to be members of the Hong Kong Anti-Mui Tsai Association for 1933, at a meeting held in the Chinese Y.M.C.A. last night:

Chairman, Mr. Wong Sam-kan, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Lee Kau-yau and Mr. Hsu Mo-fat, English Secretary, Mr. Chung Po-shu, Chinese Secretary, Mr. Wong See-tin, Propaganda Section, Mr. Mak Mui-sang, Chief Inspector, Mrs. Wong Wah-lum, Treasurer, Mr. Cheuk Yan-ko, General Assistant, Messrs. Wat Lok-hing, Wong Kam-yung, Wong Tak-sun and Mrs. Teo Yai-kwong.

The chairman, Mr. Wong Sam-kan, in a short speech, said that the Association had done very well in the past year, and had to some extent, set free many mui-tsais. Their work was only just beginning, and there was much to do in the coming year.



## POWERS SEEK GERMAN HELP IN ARMS TALK

### Conference To Settle Major Differences.

#### NEW PARLEY AT GENEVA

London, To-day. There is every reason to hope that informal conversations between Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany and the United States will be held in a few days, with a view to finding a basis for Germany's return to the Disarmament Conference, it was announced yesterday by Lord Hailsham in the House of Lords.

It is expected that this Five Power conversation will be held in Geneva on December 2 but the date has not been fixed.

Premier Ramsay MacDonald and Sir John Simon, British Foreign Secretary, will proceed to Geneva to-morrow, the Government's spokesman in the House of Lords asserted. Both would attend the Five Power discussions, he said.

Germany withdrew her support of the Disarmament Conference owing to what she considered unfair treatment by the other powers signatory to the Versailles Treaty, which bound Germany to disarmament and promised that there would be a steady reduction of armies and arms in the countries which had been her wartime antagonists. Germany alleges that these reductions were never carried out and that she alone has abided by the terms of the Treaty of Versailles.

Under these circumstances, her statesmen declare, they feel themselves no longer bound. Rather than continue in the role of a defeated power, one to whom policies are dictated and whose military system is ineffectual and backward compared with others of surrounding nations, Germany would block the plans of the powers at the Disarmament Conference by withdrawing from the meeting. She has since maintained this attitude.

Under the present circumstances, the adherents of the Disarmament proposals are hopeful of settlement of the trouble and believe that Germany has been placated by the British and French offers and the possible abrogation of the hateful clause in the Versailles Treaty.—Reuter.

## PROMINENT CHINESE TO LECTURE HERE.

### Dr. Chan Wing Tsit Offers Services.

The Chinese Y.M.C.A. is arranging three lectures to take place shortly, and have been fortunate in securing the services of Dr. Chan Wing Tsit to deliver them. Dr. Chan is a graduate of Harvard University, and is the Secretary and Professor on Culture to the Ling Nam University.

The general public are invited to attend the first of the lectures, which takes place on December 2, at 8 p.m. This will deal specially with "Family Revolution".

## LARGE SUM FOR FERRY PROJECT.

### \$275,000 More Required By Council.

A motion that the Council approve the further expenditure of \$275,000 on the vehicular ferry during the financial year 1932, will be moved by the Colonial Treasurer, Hon. Mr. Edwin Taylor, at to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council at 2.30 p.m.

The Colonial Treasurer will move the following:—"That this Council approves the further expenditure of \$275,000 on the Vehicular Ferry during the financial year 1932 which sum shall be met from a future loan and shall meanwhile be charged as an advance from the surplus balances of the Colony."

## FAMOUS RUSSIAN'S DEATH REPORTED.

### Grigori Zinovieff Fell From Grace.

Moscow, Yesterday. Although semi-officially denied the death was reported to-day of Grigori Zinovieff, Soviet politician and one of the prominent figures in Russian affairs since the revolution. With his colleague Kamenev he was ordered to be expelled from Russia last month—Reuter.

## NATIONS ASKED TO AID CHINA TO STABILITY

(Continued from Page 1.)

Lord Ponsonby, Leader of the Opposition, said he did not expect the Government to say anything about the Sino-Japanese dispute at present but deplored the British disarmament proposals which permitted the return of conscription in Germany.

### Would Help China

Lord Lothian suggested that the Powers collectively help to create a modest and efficient Government in China and urged that the question of the Peace Treaty revision should be taken into account at the disarmament conference, and so arrive at a settlement in Eastern Europe, based on consent.

Lord Hailsham, in reply, emphasised that all the British government's efforts had been directed to finding a solution of the Sino-Japanese dispute, satisfactory to the League and the powers. It was most closely interested in the problem of the Far East.

With regard to disarmament, the Government intended to collaborate wholeheartedly in the policy of budgetary limitation. With respect to the suggestions for open discussion at Geneva, the Government believed the problem was best approached at first by informal exchanges of views and public statements were reduced to a minimum at present.

He mentioned that in the last few weeks conversations had been actively pursued with the leading naval powers in fulfilment of a resolution of the Conference of last July, but they had not reached a point where anything definite could be said in that connection.

Praise for Lord Lytton. Lord Ponsonby joined Lord Cecil in advocating open meetings at Geneva.

Lord Reading paid tribute to the important findings of the Lytton Commission and its impartiality in the manner in which it discharged its duty. He said the findings were generally approved, though that did not mean all should be accepted, but none could be disregarded, except in the face of most powerful arguments and facts.

He congratulated the Government on its disarmament proposals but doubted whether the air proposals would be acceptable or effective.

He deplored the absence of any proposal of budgetary limitation of armaments and urged the Government to press for such, as an effective means of reducing armaments and also strengthening the British position in the war debts discussion with the United States.—Reuter.

## COOLIE KILLED IN FALL OFF TRUCK.

### Lost Balance Riding On Coal Load.

A fatal motor accident occurred at the Sham Shui Po Military Camp yesterday, according to a Police report.

Chan Hung, the driver of a motor lorry, stated to the Police that he was driving his lorry, loaded with coal and carrying five Chinese coolies besides on the way to the Sham Shui Po Camp. While turning off Lai Chi Kok Road on to the bumpy parade ground, one of the coolies lost his balance and fell to the ground.

The injured man, Leung Kee, 25, was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from injuries to his head. He died shortly after admission.

## H.M.S. HERMES ON EXERCISE.

H. M. Aircraft Carrier Hermes left for exercises yesterday afternoon, and will arrive back on Friday.

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## RADIO

### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 K.C.'s):

5-7 p.m.—Chinese programme.  
6-6.20 p.m.—Children's Concert.  
7-10.30 p.m.—European programme.  
7-9 p.m.—A programme of Columbia records.

7-8 p.m.—Musical Comedy & Light Opera.

The Three Musketeers—Vocal Gems (Wodehouse, Grey & Friml)  
Columbia Light Opera Co. DX56.  
The Windmill Man—Vocal Gems (Publishers, Holles & Co.)  
Court Symphony Orch. 9520.

Bow Bells—Vocal Gems (Carter, Stevier, Sullivan & Hamilton)

Hold my Hand—Vocal Gems (Carter & Gay)  
Columbia Light Opera Co. DX582.

The Desert Song—Selection (Romberg)  
Debroy Somers Band 9270.

Helen—Vocal Gems (Offenbach, Herbert)  
Columbia Light Opera Co. DX581.

The Land of Smiles—Selection (Lehar)  
London Theatre Orchestra DX252.

The Belle of New York—Vocal Gems (Morton & Kerker)  
Columbia Light Opera Co. 9225.

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.  
8.3-8.35 p.m.—Orchestral & Band Music.

Wedgwood Blue (Ketelbey)  
The Cluck and the Dresden Figures (Ketelbey)  
Albert W. Ketelbey's Concert Orch. DX27.

Orpheus—Ballet (Gluck)  
Orchestra Symphonique (of Paris) DX60.

The Merry Brothers (Gennin)  
Echoes of the Valley (Gennin)  
Sir Dan Godfrey conducting the Bournemouth Municipal Orch. 9821.

8.35-9 p.m.—Symphony No. 4 ("Italian") in A Major (Mendelssohn)  
Sir Hamilton Harty conducting the Halle Orchestra DX342/DX344.

9-9.30 p.m.—From the Studio.  
Selections by The Harmonians  
9.30-10.30 p.m.—A programme of Columbia records.

9.30-10 p.m.—Operatic.  
La Boheme—Selection (Puccini, arr. Gauwin)  
New Queen's Hall Light Orch. 9307.

Aida—Selection (Verdi, arr. Tavan)  
New Queen's Hall Light Orch. 9304.

La Tosca—Selection (Puccini, arr. Tavan)  
New Queen's Hall Light Orch. 9305.

10-10.30 p.m.—Variety.  
Song—  
Don't Say Forever  
Lucienne Boyer (Soprano) DB917.

Vocal Duet—  
The Clouds Will Soon Roll By  
Layton & Johnstone DB920.

Organ Solo—  
It Was So Beautiful  
Quentin M. Maclean DB904.

Song—  
Paradise  
Peggy Wood (Soprano) DB884.

Wine and Water  
Harry Dearth (Baritone) DB911.  
When You're in My Arms  
Lucienne Boyer (Soprano) DB917.

Vocal Duet—  
Just Another Love Affair  
Layton & Johnstone DB920.

Song—  
Roses at Dawn  
Peggy Wood (Soprano) DB884.

Why Shouldn't I?  
Harry Dearth (Baritone) DB911.  
10.30 p.m.—Close Down  
All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

## ROBBER SUSPECTS IN CUSTODY.

### Armed Trio Found In Yaumati.

Arrested in Yaumati district yesterday apparently about to commit an armed robbery, three Chinese men were brought before Mr. Butters in the Kowloon Police Court this morning. One man was charged with the possession of a revolver and 5 rounds of ammunition, and the other two defendants with the possession of a dagger each.

The accused were remanded for 48 hours.

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Blanchard was the first balloonist to cross the Channel. In 1793 he ascended from Dover and after an exciting journey landed safely in France. He had a narrow escape from drowning, however, and only avoided coming down in mid-Channel by throwing overboard everything possible, including even part of his clothing.

Air stamps used on record flights have fetched high prices, running up to hundreds of pounds, but none has so far attained anything approaching the value of the mysterious Blanchard letter.

## To-day's Short Story.

## THE BETRAYAL

By W. Gilhespy.

IT was nearly midnight. The two men in the condemned cells were awaiting death with the stoical resignation of the Mohammedan. By the light of lanterns a dozen convicts, guarded by armed policemen, were erecting a scaffold on the great open square in front of the gaol—for, until the end of the last century, public executions were the rule in India.

The great going outside the gaol guardroom boomed the midnight hour, the prisoners finished their task and were marched back to their cells. One by one the sightseers strolled away to be replaced by others, for the Oriental idler loves to turn night into day.

Throughout the night the sentry in front of the guard-room struck the hours and half-hours on the gong, each deep-toned announcement followed by the sentries call: "Number One and a-a-a-ll's well!" "Number Two and a-a-a-ll's well!"—until the twentieth man repeated the cry, shouldered his rifle and marched up and down—up and down—fifteen paces more along the flagged path in front of the condemned cells.

Each doorless cell had its little paved church-yard with walls 10 feet high. The light above the lock and barred gate shone on the cots occupied by the condemned men. One, a tall, powerful man, slept fitfully, turning under his blanket whenever the gong spoke its relentless message. The other, shorter and even more strongly built, slept soundly, woke once and asked for water. The havildar (sergeant) of police passed a tin can of water through the bars of the iron gate.

"Drink and quench thy thirst in the name of Allah," he said kindly. "Drink thou and rest, Sher Gul. There are two hours yet until the dawn." Sher Gul drank deeply and returned to his cot, slumbering as peacefully as though the hurrying moments were not his last on earth.

Before the stars paled a score of mounted police rode in line across

the square before the gaol, clearing it of loiterers. Then came the armed police, who formed line at open intervals, while the "town" police patrolled the surrounding quarters. For this was a red-letter day for those who loved to witness executions. The men in the condemned cells were among the last of a notorious gang of thieves and cut-throats.

Calvert, the Police Inspector, rode slowly across the square, ostensibly to satisfy himself that the men had been properly posted, in reality on quite a different errand. Mingling with the crowd were nearly a score of picked men of the secret police, unknown to the rest of the force—some of them unknown to each other.

The most experienced of these men had risked their lives in tracking the band known as "Ghulam Chandio's gang," two of whom were even then being prepared for execution. With their death, all except the leader would be accounted for, and it was for the purpose of discovering the daring chieftain that they now mixed with the crowd.

Ghulam Chandio had been born and reared to the trade of cattle lifting, at one time a lucrative and fairly comfortable profession. A daring, hot-tempered thief, Ghulam had been arrested and committed for trial, had killed the careless policeman who was taking him to gaol, and had escaped. Two days later he slew the man who put the police on his track.

## TO-MORROW'S STORY.

To-morrow's short story will be "The Pioneers of Pike's Peak," by Basil Tozer.

He was an outlaw now with a price on his head. His crimes had brought him notoriety and he had little difficulty in making himself chief of the outlaws who found refuge in the Jhellani Bhels, a vast stretch of swamp and jungle which had the Indus and its backwaters for a boundary on one side and arid desert on the other.

In the trackless jungle and amid the treacherous swamps a thousand such gangs could have hidden, rallying forth to plunder with impunity. A thousand policemen could not have driven them out. There were vast areas of tangled thicket surrounded by fathomless pits of green slime, with narrow quaking footpaths that only the thieves knew—only the thieves, and the graziers who fed their flocks and herds there. These latter could have helped the police, but dared not.

Those jungles had been the haunts of outlaws from time immemorial, and the peasants feared the freebooters infinitely more than they did the inadequate police force. The police had not even the power to punish: the outlaws had the power—and the will—to torture and slay.

Here Ghulam of the Chandios was king, ruling by terror, holding the fear and admiration, if not the affection, of his subjects. On the whole, he was a very wise king, impulsively generous to those who were loyal, brutal beyond belief to those whom he even suspected of wavering.

The follow and capture men who were so well guarded seemed an impossibility, yet Calvert's men had done the apparently impossible. It had taken them nearly four years. One had been murdered on his own hearthstone, one had been found mutilated in the river and a third had probably found a grave in the swamps, for he was never seen or heard of again.

Others took their place, and the grim search continued. In the guise of priests, traders, beggars, cattle thieves or outcasts, those hunters of men took their lives in their hands and set out on the trail. They hunted mythical lost animals into the Jhellani Bhels, spoke to the thieves they hunted and returned without having done any good. They waited outside that debate wilderness, followed their quarry on their swift raids and lost them, followed them again and again until, one by one, and two by two, all except the leader had been rounded up.

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## Dazzling Display Of Diving

**Olympic Wizards Perform At C.B.C. Pavilion**

**SECOND EXHIBITION TO-NIGHT**  
(By Crawl.)

**A** PLPAUSE after applause greeted the ears of "Dutch" Smith and F. Simalka last night, when these two Olympic Divers gave their first exhibition at the Chinese Bathing Club Pier, before a large gathering of spectators.

To say that the spectators were amazed at the evolutions performed by these two swimmers would be putting it mildly. They were absolutely astounded and simply could not understand how Smith and Simalka could bring off such marvelous dives, and make such perfect entries.

The water was cold and the light not very good, and this resulted in one or two of the difficult dives being spoiled, as both divers had difficulty in seeing the water when completing their dives.

Very nearly all the dives performed last night were ones which made diving history at the Los Angeles games.

The schedule of dives for the Games were divided into two classes, the compulsory dives, and the optional dives which are the most spectacular of the two classes.

The compulsory dives last night consisted of a running front jack knife, and a back somersault in the layout position. This dive which was performed by Smith was easily the most graceful one on the list. Smith stood with his back to the water and with a backward and upward movement completed a full back somersault at the same time keeping his body rigid. His entry was perfect and evoked a storm of applause.

### FULL GAYNER.

The full gayner, another of the compulsory dives is one of the hardest to execute. Smith who performed this dive brought off a perfect finish. The full gayner consists of first of all, standing on the end of the board, facing the water. Then with a forward and upward swing, the legs are thrown up and the head drops back, allowing the body to complete a full circle in a rigid position, finally to enter the water—feet first.

This entry was perfect and evoked another storm of applause.

Another dive brought off with brilliance by Smith was the running full twist, which, although it looked easy, is one of the most difficult to perform. Smith ran forward smartly and performed a running straight header, but, at the top of his dive, he suddenly twisted to enter the water with hardly a splash.

Dutch Smith's two other dives which brought all round applause, were the two and a half front somersault which did not come off too well, owing to the bad light, which prevented Smith from seeing when to stop his turning.

The back one and a half somersault in the layout position. This dive called for much nerve, for the dive is performed with the back to the water and the body rigid throughout.

Simalka, who also performed, gave a polished exhibition of the most difficult dives.

**MOST DIFFICULT DIVE.**

In particular, was the one and a half front somersault combined with the full twist. This dive, which gave Pete Desjardines the 1928 world championship, is the most difficult one known, for the twist is done half way through the one and a half somersault, and one must think fast when executing this dive.

Simalka who performed this dive nearly brought the house down with applause.

Mr. Summerill, the manager and coach, announced that this dive has been listed to carry the highest number of points awarded for any optional dive at the next Olympic Games.

After both divers had given of their best, they provided the spectators with an amusing episode entitled "Teaching Willie to Dive."

Simalka taking his stand at the end of the board announced through the courtesy of Mr. Summerill that he was prepared to teach any boy or girl how to dive. After an interval of a minute or so, a voice



**"DUTCH" Smith and Simalka** photographed on the C.B.C. raft.

very coyly called out "I want to learn," and Smith, dressed in an absurd bathing dress of the eighties, with pants over his knees and down to his ankles and a top with short arms, walked into the board. This spectacle brought roars of mirth from the crowd who were delighted with Smith's antics on the end of the board.

This completed their programme for last night.

The trio left for Canton last night for an exhibition this afternoon, and will be back in the Colony by this evening ready for their second exhibition.

It is understood that tonight's exhibition will start at 9.15 p.m. in order to give the public a chance of enjoying their dinner and also the exhibition.

## Saturday's Home Football

**FIRST DIVISION.**  
STON VILLA v Wednesday  
BOLTON v Birmingham  
Chelsea v Everton  
H'DERFIELD v Blackpool  
LEICESTER v Manchester C.  
LIVERPOOL v Sunderland  
Middlesboro v WEST BROMWICH  
NEWCASTLE v Leeds  
PORTSMOUTH v Arsenal  
Sheff U. v Derby  
WOLVES v Blackburn

**SECOND DIVISION.**  
Bradford v BURY  
Burnley v Southampton  
Charlton v FULHAM  
Grimby v Notts C.  
MANCHESTER v Bradford C.  
NOTTS F. v West Ham  
OLDHAM v Port Vale  
PLYMOUTH v Lincoln  
Preston N.E. v Millwall  
STOKE v Chesterfield  
TOTTENHAM v Swansea

**THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH).**  
ALDERSHOT v Luton  
Brighton v TORQUAY  
Bristol R. v Exeter  
CARDIFF v Bristol C.  
CRYSTAL P. v Swindon  
Gillingham v Clapton O.  
GLOUCESTER v Brentford  
NORWICH v Newport  
QUEEN'S P. R. v Newry  
Reading v Coventry

**SOUTHEAST.** Bourne v Watford  
**THIRD DIVISION (NORTH).**  
ACCRINGTON v Gateshead  
BARROW v Doncaster  
Carlisle v HULL  
CHESTER v Darlington  
CREWE v Hartlepool  
Preston N.E. v WREXHAM

**NEW.** BRIGHTON v Stockport  
Rochdale v Halifax  
Rotherham v Walsall  
SOUTHPORT v Tranmere  
YORK v Barnsley

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE.**  
Airdrie v CELTIC  
Ayr v ST. MIRREN  
CLYDE v Falkirk  
COWDEN v E. Stirling  
BEATE v Kilmarnock  
HEARTS v Hamilton  
Morton v Third Lanark  
MOTHERWELL v Dundee  
PARTICK v Aberdeen  
RANGERS v Aberdeen  
ST. JOHN v Queen's Park  
STONE v Queen's Park

## LOCAL FOOTBALL SUPPLEMENT IN TOMORROW'S China Mail

## POLICE INTERPORT SOCCER

Itinerary For Canton Visitors.

The Canton Police football eleven, which is arriving by train on Saturday night, will be welcomed by the Inspector-General of Police (Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.) at Central Police Headquarters on Saturday morning, after which they will tour the Island in cars.

On Sunday morning, a motor trip round the New Territories will be made, and at night, the official Interport dinner will be held at Gloucester Building. The visitors return to Canton by train on Monday morning.

During their stay here they will play the following matches:—

Saturday—Canton Police v Hong Kong Police at Caroline Hill at 3.45 p.m.

Sunday—Combined Police v Combined Hong Kong Chinese on the Club ground at 3.45 p.m.

## SOUTHPORT ENTER SECOND ROUND

Win Replay At Nelson.

London, To-day.  
Southport qualified to meet Swindon Town in the Second Round of the F. A. Cup when they beat Nelson by four clear goals on the latter's ground.

On Saturday the two teams drew at Southport, both sides scoring three times, and yesterday's game was the replay.—Reuter.

## CIVIL SERVICE ELEVENS.

League Games Against Hong Kong Club.

The following will represent the Civil Service Cricket Club in their League Cricket games against the Hong Kong Cricket Club on Saturday at 2 p.m.

1st XI: At C.S.C.C.  
G. R. Sayer (Captain), J. E. Richardson, F. Baker, J. Batrow, F. J. de Rome, E. W. Hamilton, B. C. K. Hawkins, E. B. Reed, H. E. Strange, H. G. Wallington and R. M. Wood.

2nd XI: At H.K.C.C.  
F. J. Ling (Captain), F. H. Holdman, N. J. Babbington, P. D. Crawley, F. E. Matthews, J. F. McGowan, J. G. Plicher, S. Randle, R. G. Robertson, R. A. J. Simpson and A. E. Wood.

## RUGBY CLUB TEAM FOR TO-DAY.

Peers Turning Out.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Rugby Club against H.M.S. Medway at 5.10 p.m. on the Club ground to-day.—F. E. Skinner; Hynes, A. D. Lawson, D. F. Kelly; A. H. Harbord; A. F. Jenkins, A. W. Torrible; J. E. Cogan, A. P. Laroche, M. N. Cochran, W. E. Peers, R. O. F. King, A. G. Dalziel, K. A. Munro, and A. N. Other.

## TEST TENNIS SCORE REVISED.

Australia's Two Wins.

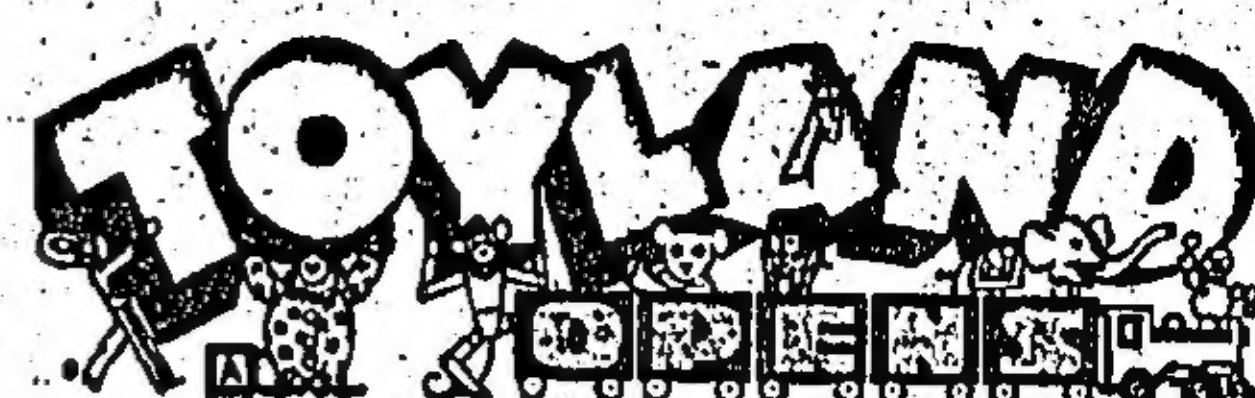
Brisbane, Yesterday.  
The scores of the first tennis test match between America and Australia were incorrectly cabled by Reuter yesterday. Moon and Sproule (Australia) defeated Allison and Van Ryn 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3. America won the contest by 3 matches to 2.—Reuter.

### CHESS WINNERS

The following were the senior winners in yesterday's chess matches.—C. E. Wong and C. M. Sequeira, Juniors.—A. J. Biriukoff, P. Yvanovich and J. Easton. A. C. Ridlington and P. T. Rosario each secured a half.

### H.M.S. OTIS WIN

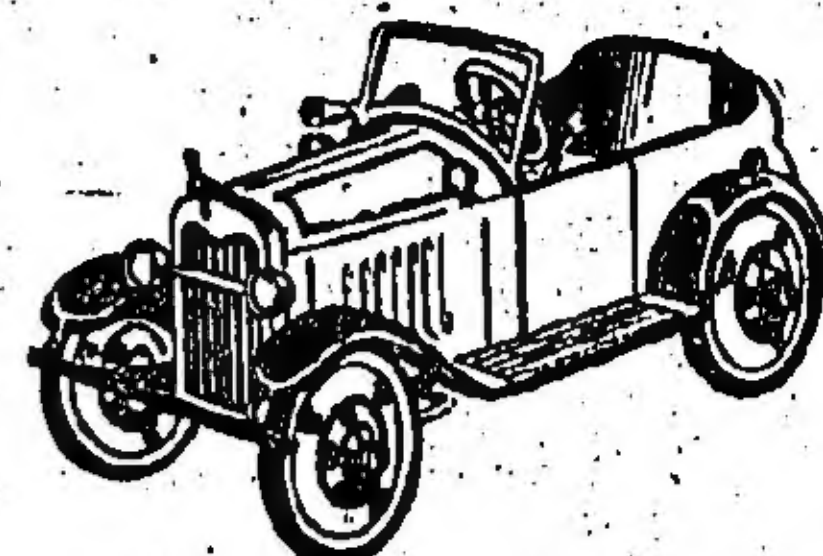
On the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday afternoon, H.M.S. Otis defeated H.M.S. Farthing in a scrappy friendly hockey encounter, by 4 goals to one. One-handed play spoiled most of the exchanges.



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## Overland China Mail.

A WHOLE WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS IN ONE.

Amid scenes of memorable gaiety and brilliant settings, the St. Andrew's Ball, one of the outstanding social events of the Colony, was held at the Peninsula Hotel on November 25. H.E. the Governor, Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., and Lady Peel, H.E. Admiral Sir Howard Kelly, K.C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., and Lady Kelly, H.E. Major General, J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., G.O.C., Admiral M. M. Taylor, C-in-C, U.S. Asiatic Fleet, were among the honoured guests. Among the decorations, pride of place amongst the shields was taken by those connected with the Chieftain, Mr. K. E. Greig. Prominently displayed were also the shields of the Stewarts, the MacGregors, the Ganns, and the Mackintoshes, while around the walls of both Rose Room and Roof Garden were draped various other shields, decorated with illuminated thistles. A full report is given in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Three Japanese coolies were killed when a life boat fell from the deck of the C.P.S. liner, Empress of Russia, at Narasaki harbour. As a result of the accident three members of the Chinese crew were detained by the Nagasaki Police, but according to a message received by the local C.P.S. office on November 25, the men have now been released.

According to the crew of the ship, the matter is said to have preyed on the mind of the No. 1 bosun, Leung Ying, to such a degree that he jumped overboard during the voyage from Shanghai to Hong Kong.

A report is given in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

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## CIGARETTES MADE OF OLD "ENDS."

Aged Hawker Fined Tobacco On Streets.

An aged Chinese hawker, made an appearance before Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Second Police Court this morning, to answer to a charge of manufacturing cigarettes without a licence.

Insp. Davidson of the Government Monopolies Department, said the accused picked up cigarette ends on the streets, and extracting the tobacco from them rolled new cigarettes, which were sold at 10 for ten cents. These cigarettes, explained Inspector Davidson, were made by hand and endangered the health of the people who bought them. The accused had no retail licence.

Mr. Wynne-Jones—Is it fair to put him on the same standard as a retail dealer? After all, many people roll their own cigarettes and they have not been arrested for it. Insp. Davidson: That is true, your Honour, but the accused manufactured the cigarettes for sale, which is against the Ordinance.

His Honour: Yes. But the selling of cigarettes does not come under the Ordinance, and it is absurd to say the accused manufactured the cigarettes, for the tobacco is already

## China Mail Sports Diary.

### TO-DAY

Hockey.—Mamuk Tournaments.  
Royal Signals v. 20th Battery.  
(Maxins 4 p.m.).

R.A.S.C. v. Kowloon Indians (Sookunpo 4.15 p.m.).

Friendly matches.  
Club v. H.M.S. Medway (U.S.R.C. 5 p.m.).

Rugby.—South Wales Borderers v. H.M.S. Devonshire (Sookunpo).  
Club v. Navy (Valley 5.15 p.m.).

Friday.  
Billiards.—Steel, Coulson League.  
C. & P. O's Club v. South Wales Borderers.

Police v. Royal Artillery.  
Royal Engineers v. St. Patrick's.  
Garrison Sergeants v. Palace Hotel.

Chess.—Kowloon Chess Club Championship, Senior.

C. E. Wong v. A. C. Ridlington.  
A. D. Sequeira v. D. E. Carvalho.  
P. T. Rosario v. E. W. Paul.

Club v. C. M. Sequeira Junior.

A. J. Biriukoff v. A. Pratt.  
A. Kurrik v. T. E. Parry.  
H. H. Bush v. Dr. H. D. Matthews.

J. Easton v. M. Cunliffe.  
A. L. Rocha v. P. Yvanovich.  
Hockey.—Friendly matches.

Club v. A. Small Ships (Navy ground 5 p.m.).

ready manufactured, and cannot be done again. I am afraid that this charge has failed, but I find the accused guilty of selling unhealthy cigarettes without a hawker's licence, and fine him \$4 or four days in default.





# SPORT PAGE



## SIR PAUL CHATER'S AMAZING RECORD AT 1884 ANNUAL MEETING

### FIFTEEN WINS WITH TEN PONIES

### "WILD HARRY" SAT LIKE A MONKEY ON A POLE

### MR. HOUGH THE ELEPHANT RIDER

### RIDERS OF THE EIGHTIES CAN BOAST OF BETTER RECORDS.

(By Scrutator.)

[This is the second instalment of the History of the Hong Kong Jockey Club from 1848 to 1882 as told by "Scrutator." The third instalment will appear in next Wednesday's Racing supplement.]

NOT until comparatively recent years has racing in the Colony become the cosmopolitan sport it is today, and many of the older enthusiasts here to-day can well remember when both owners and riders were comprised solely of the taipans of the city. As one well-known sportsman said recently "It is not so amateurish as it was."

With the exception of the annual meeting, the other meetings until about 20 years ago were run under the auspices of the Gymkhana Club, several of the events being over the sticks. The hurdles in those days were portable structures of bamboo and were carried on the track and set by coolies. Private matches were also popular events, and seldom a year passed when several of these events did not take place.

The stable records to date show a remarkable increase in owners, but few of the stables of recent years can boast of the successes of the sportsmen of the last century. The most remarkable success of any one stable in the records of the Hong Kong turf, up to the year 1909, and probably up to the present day, was achieved at the meeting of 1884, when Mr. Paul Chater (later Sir Paul) won 15 different races with 10 different ponies out of a string of 18 which he was running.

These wins comprised the Ashley Cup, Hong Kong Derby, Maharajah Cup, Poochow Cup, German Cup, Parsee Cup, Professional Cup, Driving Cloud Cup, Brokers Cup, Flyaway Stakes, Farewell Cup, Navy Stakes, Garrison Cup, Consolation Stakes and the Champions.

In addition, two ponies trained in his stable—one for Mr. H. N. Mody and the other for Mr. T. Chater (a brother of Sir Paul)—won a race each, thus making 17 wins for the stable out of a total of 20 races run during the three days of the meeting. Of these winners, Mr. Nickells rode ten and Mr. Pond, seven.

#### SIR PAUL RETIRES

After that success, Sir Paul Chater retired on his laurels, and did not race in Hong Kong after that meeting, although he continued to train Mr. Mody's large and generally successful stable. Since 1866, until the time of his death in 1926, Sir Paul rarely missed a meeting.

Of stables, none has been such a consistent supporter of the Hong Kong turf as that which was started almost at the commencement of racing in Hong Kong by Messrs. David and Joseph Jardine, brothers of Sir Robert Jardine, whose name appears in the records for 1850 and subsequent years as a successful owner and jockey. Successive partners in the firm of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company have continued this sportsmanlike encouragement of racing in Hong Kong, year by year, almost without a single interruption.

It used to be a common mistake that the expenses connected with racing were borne by the partners of the firm in the Far East, out of a common fund to which the firm contributed. This was quite an erroneous impression.

Individual partners have at all times borne the expense out of their own pockets, a purely private and personal expenditure. Up to the year 1859, the colours of the representative of the firm were blue and white. In that year they seem to have been changed to the present existing colours, blue and silver.

#### JOHN PEEL STABLE

In 1874, a representative of the firm for the first time raced under the name of John Peel, and the name was taken as a stable name in 1885. Since Sir Robert's time there have been several heads of the firm who have donned silk and ridden their ponies in races. Mr. John Bell-Irving was one. He rode Conqueror to victory in the Champions of 1885, and enjoyed many other successes. Mr. W. J. Gresson also had a very successful record as a jockey on the Hong Kong course, and in Shanghai and the Northern Ports. In 1905 he won the Derby on his pony, Cotswold, and six other races of his own ponies.

Ever since the first meeting in Hong Kong in 1845, the riders of horses and ponies have all been amateurs. At no time have professional jockeys been allowed to ride. To this circumstance and to the thoroughly sporting spirit in which racing has been conducted is no doubt due the fact that only once in the history of racing in Hong Kong has a charge of dishonest riding been made against a rider at a meeting in the Colony.

This exception occurred in 1888 in connection with a race on the Off Day (the Saturday of the Annual Race Meeting), when a certain rider was reported to the Stewards for pulling his pony. The Stewards "accepted Mr.—'s explanation of the reasons which induced him to ride Scotch Reel in a very unusual manner," and thus the incident was closed.

#### THE OLD BRIGADE

Of the old riders, the names of Mr. Ogle, Mr. Bidwell and Mr. Dunman will be well remembered. The first named jockey did not ride in Hong Kong after 1882, and the latter two made their last appearance on the Hong Kong course in 1884 and 1885 respectively. Mr. Bidwell had the reputation of being the finest rider of China ponies on the Hong Kong turf of his day. Mr. Ogle was also an exceptionally fine rider, but since he did not care to ride for any but his personal friends, his records of wins was more restricted than it might have been. Mr. Dunman was a Hong Kong man and a very good rider. He had the misfortune to be carried through the rails in a race at Poochow, breaking his thigh. This accident unfortunately put an end to his racing career.

In 1887, Mr. W. P. Maclean, a hard-riding Australian with an exceptional knowledge of pace, won many races on the Hong Kong course. Mr. N. R. Crawford and Mr. D. W. Crawford, all rode for the first time on the local course in this year.

Mr. N. R. Crawford was a most attractive rider and at once made a mark by winning a race. He had, while studying at Rong, ridden training gallops for his amusement at a racing stable there, and there is no doubt that he was a proficient horseman who would have established a great reputation in the Far East had he not died of typhoid fever in 1888. His death was a great loss to the Hong Kong Jockey Club where he was one of the most popular riders.

#### MEETING OF THE FANLING HOUNDS

##### List of December Fixtures

Below is given the list of meets for the Fanling Hunt hounds for the first part of December—

Dec. 4, Hunters Arms, 3.15 p.m.  
Dec. 7, Keneels, 3.15 p.m.  
Dec. 11, Sheungshui Cross Roads, 3.15 p.m.  
Dec. 14, Potts' Bungalow, 3.15 p.m.  
Dec. 18, Lok Ma Chau Cross Roads, 3.15 p.m.  
Dec. 21, Keneels, 3.15 p.m.

key Club where he was one of the most popular riders.

#### SHANGHAI "CRACKS"

The Shanghai contingent which came down to ride at the 1887 meeting was reputed to have been the strongest group of riders of that century. It comprised of Mr. E. Sassoon, Mr. Baker and the historic names of Mr. Harry Hutchings, Mr. J. A. Pond, Mr. "Pip" Reynolds, Mr. Nickells and Mr. T. F. Hough. Mr. Hutchings, "Wild Harry," as he was popularly nicknamed, was the most successful. "Wild Harry," an American by birth, learned to ride in Shanghai. He was a short, wiry man with remarkable strength, and rode with very short stirrups—so short in fact that he seldom wore spurs. He seldom carried a whip, but won his races partly by the light way in which he sat his pony, and partly by his muscular strength with which he forced his mount past the post.

A number of globe trotters who were watching the gallops before the meeting of 1889 found his method of riding somewhat humorous. Commenting on his remarkable seat one said, "Do you call that your crack jockey? Why, he does not know how to sit—he looks like a monkey on a pole."

And yet "Wild Harry" was only sitting as Ted Sloan taught English jockeys to sit many years after, only in a more exaggerated form. Mr. Pond was scarcely less successful than Mr. Hutchings, and was remarkable for his rush at the finish; he used to afford his many admirers immense satisfaction by snatching victory almost on the post. Mr. Reynolds was hard to beat if he had a pony which suited him, but he did not persevere much if he did not sit comfortably.

#### STRONGEST JOCKEY

Mr. T. F. Hough was undoubtedly the strongest jockey that has ever been seen in Hong Kong or China, and it is no exaggeration to say that he won many races on ponies on which no other man riding at the time would have succeeded.

In 1887, he won the Champions on Mr. Bell-Irving's Mistletoe after a tremendous race, but the pony did nothing afterwards. The effort he was forced to give proved too much for him. In 1889, he won the same race on the same owner's Orlando, although the pony had run a punishing race of 1½ miles in the Challenge Cup earlier in the day and was by no means the first string of the stable, which had four entries in the event.

Mr. Hough's brilliant career as a gentleman rider came to an end in 1894, when Mr. Bell-Irving's Vagrant fell with him in the Champion Stakes. He sustained a badly broken leg which gave him a lot of trouble in after years. After the fracture was united it was found that the toes were injured, and he was forced to see a specialist in London after his discharge from the Hospital in Hong Kong.

#### ELEPHANT RIDER

Mr. Hough was always a man of large frame, who had to reduce his weight by 21 lbs. in order to ride. During the time he was laid up in Hong Kong, and during the voyage home he naturally put on a great deal of weight, and when he reached the consulting room of the famous London specialist, he weighed more than 18 stone. His extraordinary appearance caused

#### SINGAPORE T.C. VENUE TO BE CHANGED

#### Old Race Course Dates Back To 1843.

#### NEW COURSE AT BUKIT TIMAH

Singapore, Nov. 21. The races on Saturday were well attended, Sir John Scott and Lady Scott being among those present. An excellent day's sport concluded a very successful meeting.

Indeed, it was such a day as to prove a fitting farewell to the old race course which has been the venue of the Singapore Turf Club meetings ever since racing first started in Singapore, as far back as in 1843. Future race meetings will be held at the new course at Bukit Timah.

At the conclusion of the meeting, therefore, mementoes were presented to W. W. Redfern and Spencer, the trainer and jockey respectively, of Eagle's Claw, which won the Farewell Handicap.

The trophies won during the meeting were presented by Lady Scott at the end of the afternoon.

#### MR. FROST exercised

Liberty Bay, favourite for the big race at Saturday's Meeting, and concluded his 1½ Miles gallop, with a 1.0.3 effort. Hetman, his most dangerous challenger, went over the last three-quarters in 1.35.3. It looks a good thing for the Bay pony, though Hetman is looking extraordinarily fit and has a 6 lb. weight advantage.

Gay Crusader, another entrant for the St. Andrew's Stakes, was also out. Mr. Reidy giving him a very easy gallop. The pony looked unfit and will probably be withdrawn. Sitting Bull and Blue Star were both out, but both are below the standard of the favourites, and, with the probable scratching of Flying Tourist, Gay Crusader, Bright Star, Blue Star, and Gold Key the field is left to Daylight Eve, Liberty Bay, Sitting Bull, Bag and Baggage, Wild Life and Hetman. Bright Star was out under Mr. Pan, but did not look very promising, clocking 1.08.2 for the last half mile and 36.2 for the last quarter.

Sitting Bull, entered for the St. Andrew's Stakes, showed good form when galloping this morning, but will be outclassed by both Liberty Bay and Hetman. Mr. Butler, who was in the saddle at exercise, will ride the pony in the race on Saturday.

Mr. Butler was also out on Polar Star, although the pony will not be starting at the meeting on Saturday. Like The Giraffe, Polar Star is being saved for the Autumn Champions.

Wembley Stag and Workable Stag were out this morning with Mr. Butler in the saddle. Both ponies went well, but the last named pony will not be running on Saturday.

specialist to enquire "did they race elephants in Hong Kong?"

The racing careers of the many famous riders in Hong Kong are far too lengthy to enumerate, but they will be long remembered. Messrs. G.C.C. Masters, Gresson, Morton Jones, Hart Buck, H. Sampson, John Johnstone, "Chick" Burkill, D. W. Crawford, Wakeford, Cox, J. C. Cumming, "Tiger" Midwood, J. A. Hayes, E. Moller, and Vida, are only a few of whom mention could be made.

Johnstone was said to be the best horseman East of Suez and Burkill was a "run 'un to follow" and a "bad 'un to beat." All these are but names now, but they were a hard riding set in the old days.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

#### Handicaps For Saturday

The following handicaps have been allotted for the Fifteenth Extra Race Meeting at the Valley next Saturday:

Rooty-Hill Handicap, "A" Class, five furlongs:—Evening Star, 148; The Giraffe, 160; Woodland Stag, 170; Wotin, 135.  
Lanark Handicap, "C" Class 1¼ miles:—Adam, 140; Ajax, 150; Alexandra Hall, 140; Bistre, 140; California, 145; Deveron, 158; Flying Tourist, 161; Mon Tallman, 151; Navy Hall, 158; Nippy, 152; Powhatan, 154; Punch, 140; The Lion, 140.

St. Andrew's Stakes, one and a half mile:—Daylight Eve, 145; Flying Tourist, 151; Liberty Bay, 161; Sitting Bull, 152; Tiana, 145; Bag and Baggage, 158; Gay Crusader, 155; Bright Star, 148; Blue Star, 151; Gold Key, 145; Wild Life, 158; Hetman, 155.

Pertshire Handicap, "D" Class, six furlongs:—Blueova, 150; Cebu, 140; Cy-pres, 154; Festival Eve, 155; Gold Mine, 150; Gold Bar, 150; Gold Ring, 165; Golden Arrow, 140; Golden Star, 155; Guiding Star, 140; Kate, 155; King's Parade, 148; Lobster Bay, 158; Orlando, 152; Pocahontas, 140; Powerful King, 138; Pure Music, 140; Shappy Eva, 150; The

Gadwall, 149; The Plover, 155; The Rainstorm, 140; Tommy Boy, 148; Valley Hall, 140; Wakefield, 155; Wembley Stag, 160; Wonderful Stag, 152.

Coogee Handicap, "B" Class, five furlongs:—Anniversary Eve, 150; Aurora, 185; Canny, 150; City of Melbourne, 165; Joaquim, 150; Kilrea, 150; Lucy Glitters, 170; Manna, 160; Mermaid, 160; St. Moritz, 140; The Rainbow, 150; The Raindrop, 160.

Glasgow Handicap, "B" Class, one mile:—Blue Star, 154; Bright Star, 152; Champagne Bay, 150; Daylight Eve, 140; Fortune Bay, 155; Gold Key, 158; Indiana, 140; Meridian Star, 161; Racing Boy, 145; The Tiger, 156; Tiana, 140; Valorous, 148.

Inverness Plate, "E" Class, from the two mile post once round and in:—Banjolna, 149; Cabinet Hall, 149; Christmas Belle, 146; City of Shanghai, 151; Cupid, 145; Devon, 145; Estrellita, 146; Fi-Fa, 145; Firefly, 150; Gallant Fox, 155; Good Day, 145; Helvellyn, 152; Hlrwego, 147; Imperial Hall, 147; Just Imagine, 149; Much Ado, 148; New King, 156; Public Money, 147; Sanction, 145; Sunning, 148; Tien Feng Shan, 149; Toby, 145; Until Then, 148; Valeta, 151; Whoppee, 153.

#### CORONATION GOLD CUP STOLEN FROM MUSEUM

##### Trophy Won By Solario

The Coronation Gold Cup, won at Epsom by the famous race horse Solario and bequeathed by Sir John Rutherford in his will to Blackburn (Lancs.), has been stolen from the Blackburn Art Gallery and Museum.

The cup was the most valuable of the gold trophies won by Solario. It was won in the Coronation Stakes during Derby week in 1926.

#### WINNING OWNERS

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## Pointers For Saturday From To-day's Gallops At The Valley

Flying Tourist, who is entered for the Lanark Handicap and the St. Andrew's Stakes will probably start in the first named race and be ridden by Mr. J. E. Noronha. He finished weakly in his gallop this morning. He still has his forelegs bandaged, and does not look in the pink of condition.

WOTIN, who was galloped slowly over 1¼ miles this morning, is going to give Woodland Stag a good run in the Australian "A" class ponies race on Saturday if the prophets speak the truth. If the pony gets a good start he will be difficult to catch.

Mr. G. A. Harriman had a tired mount in Gold Key, when galloping over the Mile this morning. The pony faded out in the final furlong, returning the time of 38.3; 1.09; 1.44.1; 2.18.2. The same rider was out on Golden Arrow, and that pony also failed to impress, covering the last quarter of his Mile gallop in 33.3.

DAYLIGHT EVE, who was ridden by Mr. "Fred" Roza this morning, covered the mile in 2.17, and is in excellent condition. He would have no doubt clocked a better time this morning had he been able to keep to the rails throughout the gallop.

Firefly, entered for the Inverness Plate on Saturday, has been put through his paces thoroughly during this week, and has proved very satisfactory. This morning, however, he did not look too impressive with Mr. H. V. Pearce in the saddle. The strenuous time to which the pony has been subjected may prove too much for him on Saturday.

GALLANT FOX another contender in this "E" Class event, was also given a gallop by Mr. J. E. Noronha, but failed to reveal exceptional form. Sanction, aided during his gallop and unseated his rider, Mr. W. H. Choy, and consequently little was seen of him. Christmas Belle gave an excellent display this morning, and looks a possible winner on Saturday. Devon, favoured in some circles, did not appear very convincing.

Mr. A. A. R. Botelho was out on Helvellyn, but only gave the pony an easy morning. Mr. D. Black, one of the promising novice jockeys, is, however, taking the pony to the post on Saturday. Choy took out Toby after his spill on Sanction, and did not look well, the pony showing good determination. Good Day was taken out over the Mile by Mr. H. D.

Benham but was not very impressive, clocking 34 for the last quarter of a slow gallop.

The Rooty-Hill Handicap should see Woodland Stag bring off a comfortable win with Wotin and Evening Star in the second and third places. Mr. Frost was out on the Stag pony and, after encountering some difficulty in persuading him to mount to gallop, gave the pony full rein for an impressive try out. The pony was very fresh and looking in excellent condition. The Giraffe, the fourth entry in the race, is being withdrawn in view of the near proximity of the Autumn Champions, at which it is expected to render a good account of itself.

Ajax, entered for the Lanark Handicap, was taken out by Mr. A. W. da Roza and did his last half mile in 1.07. California, under Mr. S. Y. Liang, was taken over an easy gallop doing the last half mile in 1.06.1, the last quarter being 33.1. Both ponies looked fit, but are not good enough for place money, though California might provide a productive outsider.

Deveron showed a good finish under Mr. G. U. da Roza, concluding a strenuous Mile with 31.1 for the last quarter. Navy Hall, the favourite for the event, looked a perfect picture when taken out on the track by Mr. F. M. L. Soares and showed a powerful finish after a slow gallop. It should win comfortably on Saturday. Mr. S. N. Pan took out Punch, but the pony failed to impress in a gallop with Gold Bar, the latter pony clocking 35 for the last quarter. Mr. Frost gave Powhatan a slow 1¼ miles gallop, clocking 35 over the last quarter and the last half in 1.07.2.

Cypress was seen to advantage with Mr. S. Y. Liang in the saddle over the half mile, but Pocahontas gave a far more convincing display. He was striding beautifully and looked every inch a winner. The Plover was also another pony to impress. Under the guidance of Mr. G. U. da Roza he moved with splendid rhythm over a Mile gallop, but Orlando is going to take a lot of beating.

THE "B" Class Australian race is going to prove a thrilling triangular contest between City of Melbourne, Manna and The Raindrop. Mr. Frost took out City of Melbourne this morning and the pony showed magnificent form over the last quarter. It is a short race and everything is in his favour. Mr. Harriman was out exercising Manna over the ¼ Mile distance, and clocked 33 in the last quarter. The pony was going beautifully and was an entirely effortless gallop. It will be recalled that Manna beat City of Melbourne by

2 lengths at the last Macao meeting, but on that occasion Manna had a 10 lb. advantage; on Saturday there is only a 5 lb. difference and Mr. Frost is up on the City pony instead of Mr. E. O. Butler.

THE Raindrop, with Mr. G. U. da Roza up, accomplished a very convincing ¼ Mile gallop. Mr. da Roza held him well in hand and after a slow first quarter clocked 34.1 and 21 over the last two quarters. This pony is going to be worth watching on Saturday as his every movement this morning was delightful to watch, and his gallop entirely effortless.

St. Moritz, an old time favourite, was again seen in action to-day, but his chances are very poor. The Rainbow with Mr. Y. T. Fung in the saddle, looked in good trim, and covered the ¼ Mile in 34; 1.07; 1.37.1, but it has very little hope for even place money. Canny, Mr. Reidy's latest acquisition won over the distance with great big strides, but though he was going very well, he is not up to the mark for Saturday.

The Tiger was out under Mr. Frost and, though blanketed for his 1¼ Mile gallop, he clocked 33.3 for the last quarter. His owners evidently are getting him into first class condition for Saturday when his chances are favoured for the Glasgow Handicap. Racing Boy, the champion China pony to date, will make his debut in the "B" class, but he stands very little chance of causing a sensation despite definite proof of his fitness this morning.

H. E. SIR WILLIAM PERL He was down on the course this morning, and exercised his Manila Bay pony which is brought down to the Valley from the Government House stables every morning. His Excellency was accompanied by Mr. "Johnny" Heard, one time champion jockey, during the course of his morning ride.

Mr. Hayley-Bell, Customs Commissioner at the Valley, and, after being an interested spectator during the earlier gallops, went out for a ride himself. Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield was also at the Valley as a spectator, making the long trip from Tapao to glean a few useful details in preparation for Saturday. Miss Rachel Wong, daughter of Dr. Wong, an enthusiastic horsewoman, was also present during the gallops. Among the many sportsmen to be seen among the few spectators were Dr. J. A. R. Selby, captain of the Rugby Club, and Mr. E. Zimmern, captain of the Cricketers' Club.





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## THE BETRAYAL

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Now they threaded their way among the crowded that lined the great square, eager to lay their hands on Ghulam. Calvert picked them out one by one in the seething multitude. For a moment his glance rested on the driver of a hired carriage and the man took care not to meet his eyes—a confession of failure. A wealthy landowner turned his head aside, a greasy sweetmeat seller walked away as he passed. An insolent-looking fop, a bespectacled trader and a dozen more watchers passed the same message—failure—always failure.

He rode slowly to the north-east corner of the square and dismounted. With his back to the rising sun he could the more easily see any message that might be flashed to him, and he dare not risk delay. If Ghulam slipped through his fingers this morning, he would get together another band of outlaws and the weary hunt would begin all over again. Hope revived as he recalled Akbar Ali's assurance.

"Ghulam will come to the hanging—he will surely come," he declared with passionate conviction. "Two days ago I was among the graziers who befriended him, because they dare not refuse, and they know he will come. He promised, and he keeps his promises. Thief, red-handed cut-throat—aye, a son of the devil in very truth, is this Ghulam of the Chando tribe—but, oh sahib, he is a man. While Allah gives me breath, I will hunt him down for the life, but ever will I admit that he is a man. He was at the execution here last time and the time before, but we did not know it in time. Surely he will come."

Calvert saw Akbar Ali now. He was dressed as a religious mendicant and had heavy eyes, the thick speech and the shambling, uncertain gait of the habitual drug-taker. Even his superior, who knew him to be the keenest detective in the service, was deceived for a moment.

"No sign from him either," Calvert muttered as he gave his

horses to an orderly and entered the jail. He had given strict orders to his policemen and the two warders that they were not to harass the doomed men by any attempt to get information from them in their last hours. Still, he had known condemned men to lose their nerve and babble like children at the last.

A glance at those who were being pinioned told him that they were made of sterner stuff. He made his way back to the square and saw Akbar Ali standing directly opposite the scaffold. Even in his anxiety and disappointment, he could afford to pity the man whose failure to detect the arch-criminal would be a bitter blow to him.

A hush fell on the crowd as the prison gates were opened. But a low, dull murmur, like the surf breaking on a distant shore, was again heard when they saw that the chief actors in the grim drama did not appear. Instead some two hundred convicts were marched into that "portion of the square which was divided from the remainder by high, spiked railings. Here they were formed into line to see the condemned men executed, in accordance with a custom long abolished.

The hands of the great clock showed that in five minutes more the doomed felons would be marched to their death. The pinioning of their arms finished, they were given the opportunity to make any request or complaint, to send any last message. Sher Gul listened in scowling indifference, the other answered quietly, then repeated the Moslem confession of faith: "Allah Allah Allah. Mahomed Yar Rasool Allah." (There is no God but God and Mahomed is the Prophet of God.)

Slowly, with a certain unconscious dignity, this man walked towards the prison gates. The other stalked beside him, sullen indifference on his savage countenance. As the procession reached the foot

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## PROGRESS IN DEEP SEA DIVING.

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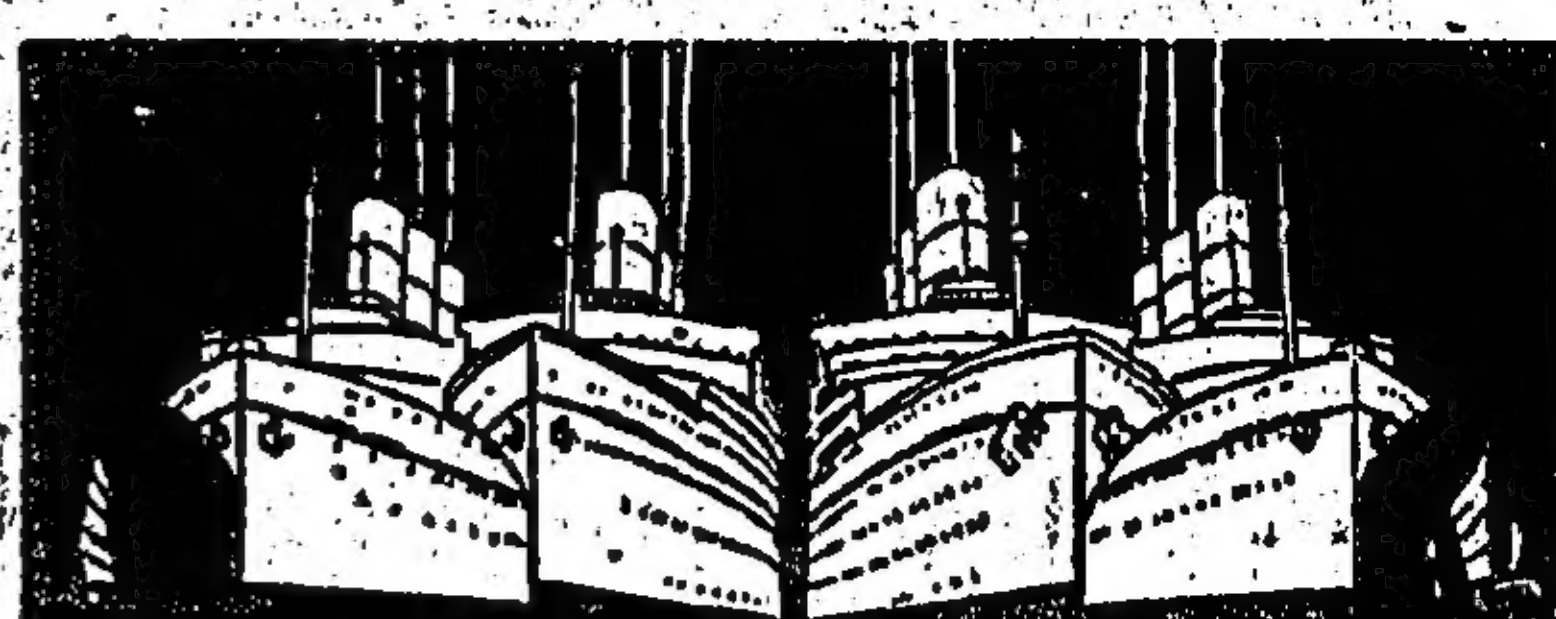
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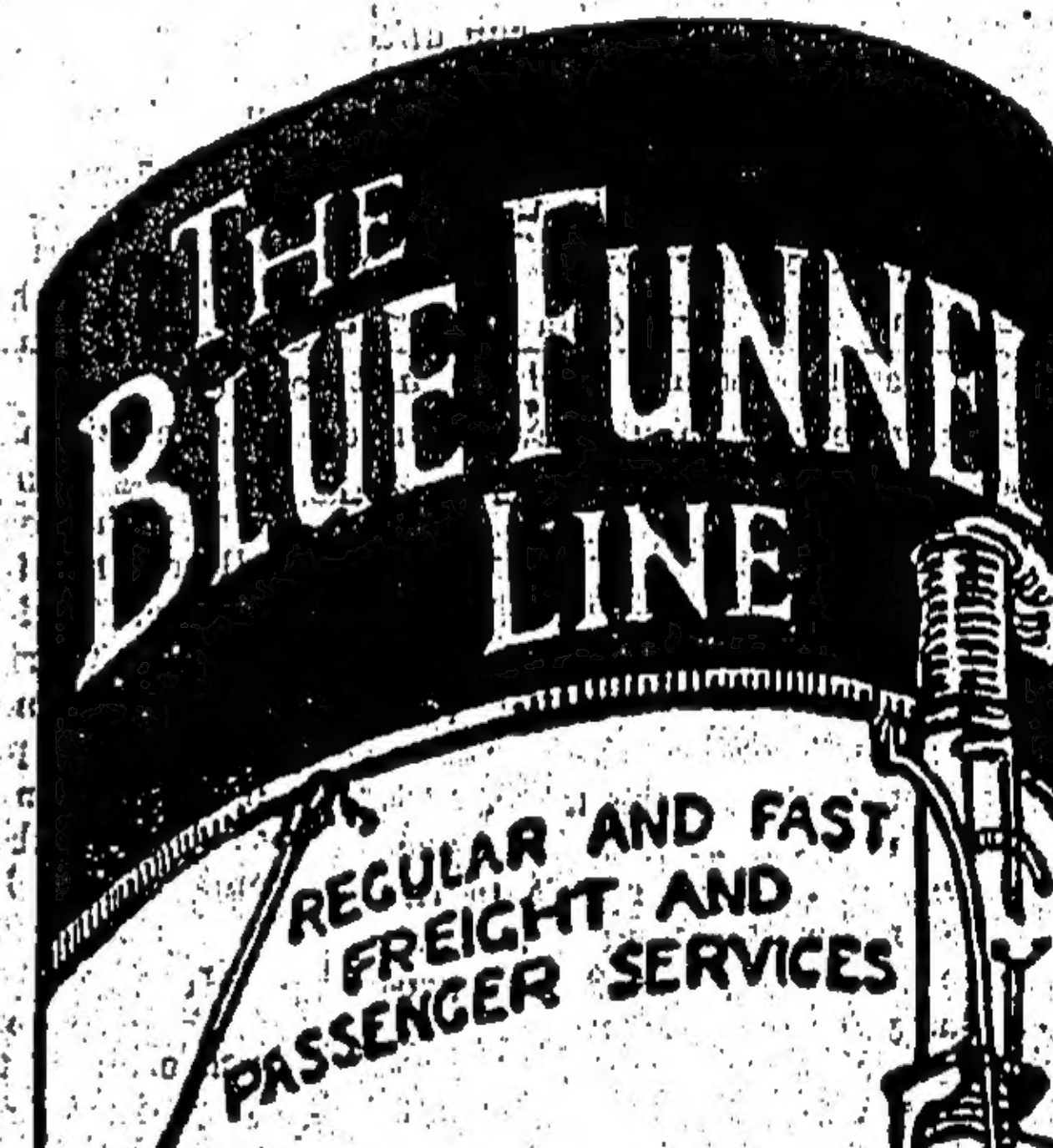
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## THE BETRAYAL

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of the scaffold Sher Gul's glance swept the multitude of silent witnesses with ferocious anxiety. He was looking for Ghulam Chaudhry.

"Hast thou seen him?" he whispered to his companion, "He said he would be here."

The magistrate read the sentence of the court, as required by law, returned it to its envelope, and handed it to the deputy gaoler. Then he read the warrant for the execution, slowly and impressively. Some twenty thousand men stood round that square, so silent and motionless that only the magistrates low, steady tones were heard. Traffic in the streets surrounding the gaol seemed to have ceased. The kites that hovered above, dim specks in the cloudless blue, seemed to be inert. In that death-like hush only one figure showed any signs of animation. Sher Gul again spoke to his companion in a savage whisper: "Hast thou seen him? He said he would be here. I cannot see him," and he craned his neck to see beyond the scaffold.

The other made no answer but glanced at the grim structure that confronted him. The strong cross beam showed stark against the tender glory of the dawn and the gentle morning breeze awayed the dangling ropes in mocking invitation.

For the last time the doomed wretches were given the opportunity to send a last message. Sher Gul stepped boldly forward, wrenched his pained arm from those who proffered assistance and briskly mounted the ladder. From the platform he had a clear view of that sea of staring, horror-stricken faces, and with wolfish eagerness his eyes searched for his leader. He fixed them on a man who bore a slight resemblance to Ghulam Chaudhry, and that man buried his face in his hands, overcome by the savage intensity of the doomed felon's gaze.

One more yearning search, and a ghastly grey pallor overspread Sher Gul's face. His courage failed. From the hour of his arrest he had shown a brutal indifference to his fate. Now he quailed. His trusted leader had broken his promise.

Outlawed and outcast, an Ishmael among men, shunned even by fellow thieves, Sher Gul had shown that he had one redeeming virtue. He had been loyal to the greater brute who ruled him and others of his kind by the fear of torture and death, who had been swift to succour and swift to slay. Ruled by the brutal methods which an Oriental knows how to appreciate, Sher Gul had given his whole-hearted allegiance. All he had asked of the few minutes of life that were left to him was a sight of his leader's face in a last, silent farewell. And his trusted leader had failed him.

"Allah Allah Allah. Mahomed Yar Rasool Allah," his companion repeated in loud, clear tones, as the convict who acted as executioner gently pushed him into position under the noose. Sher Gul, ashamed of having betrayed his disappointment, glanced up and stepped jauntily under the other noose.

"Allah Allah Allah. Mahomed Yar Rasool Allah," he shouted, as the noose was placed around his

neck. It was more an expression of despair than a confession of faith.

He bellowed it again in insolent farewell to life, in hideous defiance of death, in braggart attempt to show a bold front to those who had gathered to watch him die. Once more: "Allah Allah Allah. Mahomed Yar . . ." He ceased.

The lofty gaol walls flung back the echo of his half uttered confession of faith. He saw his leader. His expression of savage defiance gave place to one of groaning, of childish delight, of—the white mask covered it, and he died. Akbar Ali, standing on the edge of the crowd, had followed that flashing glance and recognised Ghulam Chaudhry disguised as a Hindu trader.

The detective did not even turn his head but his eyes telegraphed their eager message to the white man who was watching for it. Their long search was ended. Sher Gul's last glance had betrayed his leader.

THE END.

## RECOMMISSIONING LAID-UP SHIPS

Increased activity in the home-ward grain markets, and the consequent concession of higher freights by shippers, has resulted in the recommissioning of a considerable number of laid-up ships which has given welcome employment to the thousands of navigating and engineering officers, besides seamen, thrown out of work by the world-wide depression in the shipping industry. During the last few weeks, 27 Cardiff-owned steamers have been put back into employment, which has meant work for between 750 and 1,000 officers and men. Whether more ships will be recommissioned will, however, depend on the strength of the freight markets and the requirements of the carrying trades. There are, however, still something like 140 Cardiff-owned vessels laid up, some of which will never put to sea again, as the cost of putting them into service would be too heavy.—Engineering.

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Sulsang	5 p.m.
Shanghai	5 p.m.

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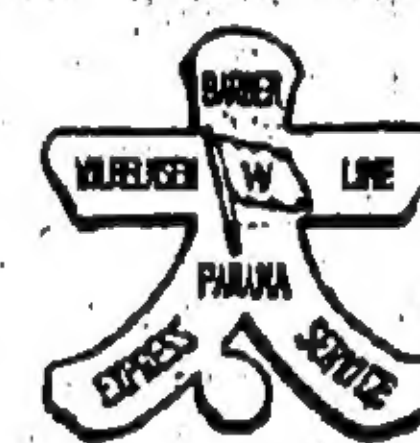
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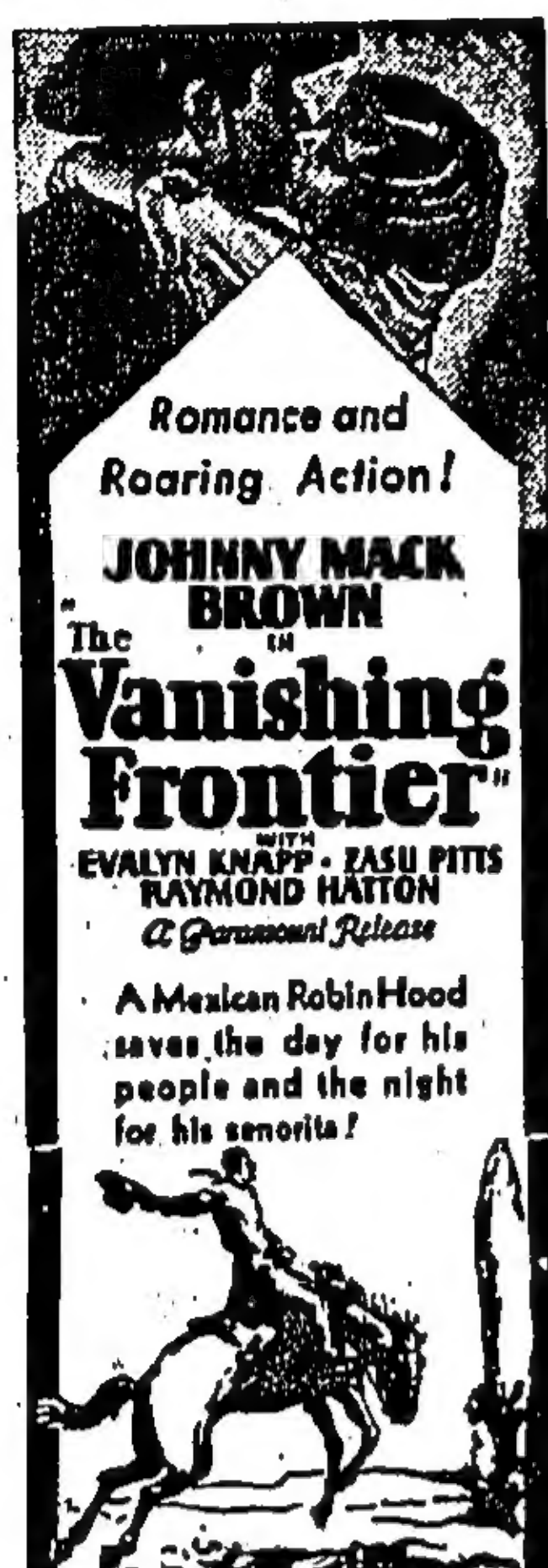
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Special items on the programme are an exhibition of early Chinese methods of fire extinction, English methods during the latter part of the nineteenth century, cutting through a ship's hull with oxygen apparatus and the use of oxygen breathing apparatus. The usual motor-pump drill competition will be held, followed by the presentation of prizes and the award of a commend to A.S.O. A. I. Cash. At the conclusion of the land display, the appliances will drive past H.E. the Governor, Sir William Peel, who will take the salute.

Nos. 1 and 2 will give a demonstration showing the water horse power created by maximum pressure from marine pumps. It is interesting to note that the pressure of water from the large monitor is capable of demolishing a nine inch brick wall.

## BRITAIN PREPARES TO PAY AMERICA

(Continued from Page 1.)

### Lausanne Difficulties.

Among many other considerations to be borne in mind is the effect upon the Lausanne agreements—whether Britain's payments could conceivably be continued without re-opening the questions on which settlement was then reached and whether Britain could go on paying the United States without receiving anything from those countries which owe her money. Britain has already paid \$200,000,000 more to the United States than she received from her debtors, although the amount due to her was more than the amount due from her to the United States.

It is, however, the economic consequences of the inter-Governmental debts which receive most attention in the British press. Newspapers generally take the view expressed in the "News Chronicle" by Sir Walter Layton, who, after pointing out the effect of the American tariff, one of the highest in the world, upon the flow of goods, declares:

"There is no device known to the science of economics or to the art of finance which will enable a creditor to go on collecting debts due to it if it will not receive the goods and services of its debtors." —British Wireless Service.

## LYTTON REPORT DISCUSSED

Minister's Emissary Goes To Canton

Dr. Lim Tung-hai, the special representative of Dr. Lo Wen-kan, returned to Hong Kong yesterday from Canton, after a consultation with the Southern Authorities regarding the Lytton Report.

Dr. Tung said he would not go North until he received instructions from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to do so.

## FRANCE RAISES TARIFF ON AMERICAN LUMBER.

Paris. American lumber exports to France were subject to increased duty to-day through a government decree raising the tariff on common woods and lumber from 50 per cent to 75 per cent.

It was the second increase within a year affecting the United States lumber quota of 1,553 tons per quarter.

Ho Cheung, 46, employed as a godown keeper at the Yuen Yik Godown, was injured about the face and chest yesterday, when a quantity of Chinese medicine fell on him. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

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